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Shri Narendra Modi
Hon'ble Prime Minister

Infrastructure Development Journey in Karnataka continues with projects worth over Rs. 15,900 crore.

Shri Basavaraj S. Bommai
Hon'ble Chief Minister

Dedication of Bengaluru-Mysuru Expressway, IIT-Dharwad and Other Projects to the Nation and Foundation Stone Laying for Various Projects

by Hon'ble Prime Minister

Shri Narendra Modi

MANDYA

March 12, 2023 | Sunday @ 12.00 PM

Dedication of Bengaluru-Mysuru Expressway to the Nation

BOOST to economic activity

Impetus to employment generation

- Reduces the travel time between Bengaluru and Mysuru from 3 hours to 75 minutes
- Serves as a catalyst for socio-economic development in the region
- Fillip to industrial and agricultural development in the surrounding areas

Project Cost: Rs. 8,479 crore

- Six Laning of Access Controlled Bengaluru - Nidagatta - Mysuru section of NH-275
- 118 km of length
- Five bypasses to reduce congestion and pollution and ensure road safety of towns of Bidadi, Ramanagara, Channapattana, Maddur, Mandya and Srirangapattana

Foundation Stone Laying

Mysuru-Kushalnagara 4-Lane Highway (92 km)

Project Cost: Rs. 4,129 crore

- Reduces travel time from Kushalnagara to Bengaluru from the present 5 hours to 2.5 hours
- This highway will play an important role in providing better connectivity

DHARWAD

March 12, 2023 | Sunday @ 3.30 PM

Dedication of Projects to the Nation

IIT, Dharwad

Phase 1A - Project Cost: Rs. 852 crore

- 470-acre campus
- The foundation stone for the permanent campus was laid by Hon'ble Prime Minister on 10th Feb 2019
- 73 faculty members, 35 non-teaching staff and 856 students are currently in the Institute
- Offers B.Tech., BS-MS, M.Tech. & PhD Programs
- Will help the country address the skill gap in high-end information technology
- Will focus on applying IT to solve problems of social relevance to India

The Longest Railway Platform in the World at Sri Siddharoodha Swamiji Hubballi Station

1,507 m long platform with pedestrian subway. Project Cost: Rs. 20 crore

- Caters to the future needs of the Hubballi-Dharwad section
- Enhances the station yard's capacity

Electrification of Hosapete - Hubballi - Tinaighat (245 RKM)

Project Cost: Rs. 519 crore

- Route passes through Vijayanagar, Koppal, Gadag, Dharwad, Uttara Kannada and Belagavi Districts
- Promotes sustainable development in the area by reducing pollution
- Seamless train operation on electric traction

Upgraded Hosapete Station

Project Cost: Rs. 13 crore

- Convenient and modern facilities to tourists
- Designed to resemble Hampi monuments

Hubballi-Dharwad Smart City Project

A total of 15 projects.
Project cost: Rs. 353 crore

- Enhances quality of life of citizens
- Improves governance, road safety and environment

Foundation Stone Laying

Dharwad DBOT Multi-Village Water Supply Scheme under JJM

Project cost: Rs. 1,042 crore

- 86 MLD Water Treatment Plant
- 2 lakh households will get treated water from Renukasagara Reservoir on River Malaprabha
- Sustainable and pure drinking water for 396 rural habitations & 1 town
- Entire district of Dharwad will be benefited

Hubballi-Dharwad Smart City Project

Construction of a sports complex.
Project cost: Rs. 166 crore

- Will promote sports activities in the region

Jayadeva Cardio Hospital Hubballi

Project cost: Rs. 250 crore

- Will provide tertiary cardiac care to the people of entire North Karnataka, catering to more than ten districts
- Will be spread over an area of 11 Acres 36 Guntas in Raynal Village, Hubballi Taluk

Tupparihalla Flood Damage Control Project

Project cost: Rs. 150 crore

- Aims to mitigate the flood damages in Tupparihalla
- Involves construction of retaining walls and earthen embankment in selected reaches of Tupparihalla

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The wives who discovered they were gay

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Net direct tax receipts rise 16.8%, near Budget target

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

India's net direct tax receipts rose 16.8% to touch ₹13.73 lakh crore by Friday, reflecting a slight dip in growth over the past month but reaching within striking distance of the Budget target for this fiscal, with three weeks still to go.

The uptick in net personal income tax collections continued to outstrip corporate income tax flows, rising 20.7% year-on-year compared with a 13.6% increase in the latter.

"The provisional figures of direct tax collections up to March 10 continue to register steady growth," the Finance Ministry said on Saturday. Gross collections stood at ₹16.68 lakh crore by Friday, 22.6% higher than the tax inflows in the corresponding period of 2021-22.

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A code to rescue lost childhoods

Odisha police work on introducing new strictures to ensure brick kiln owners do not employ children, and ensure education for them

Satyasundar Barik
BHUBANESWAR

At hundreds of brick kilns across the country, children as young as six years can be seen working alongside their migrant worker parents, laboriously turning over the raw bricks drying under the merciless sun, losing their childhoods for a life of drudgery. In the Bhubaneswar-Cuttack area, however, the local police are now imposing a new 'code of conduct' to hold brick kiln owners accountable for ensuring the children are removed from their worksites and admitted to school.

Within the industry, it is argued that this job cannot be undertaken by adult men and women, as they cannot step on the raw bricks which would crumble under the pressure of their weight.

"On average, a group of three persons can mould around 1,000 to 1,200 bricks a day and spread the bricks on the ground for sun-baking. Now, the work of a child is very important to flip these 1,000 bricks twice a day under testing conditions," said Umi Daniel, head of the migration unit of Aide et Action, an international NGO collaborating with UNICEF and the State government to implement the programme.

Caught in the crossfire: Within the industry, it is argued that children are indispensable to brick-making process. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Now, the Bhubaneswar-Cuttack police commissionerate has stepped in, taking up the task of collaborating with the Labour, Education, and Women and Child Development departments to ensure that essential entitlements reach these marginalised communities.

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NEARBY

Congress leader Dhruvanarayan passes away

MYSURU
Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee working president R. Dhruvanarayan, 61, passed away here on Saturday.

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'State agencies lagging in stopping freebies'

BENGALURU
Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar on Saturday said the State agencies were lagging behind in regulating the distribution of freebies.

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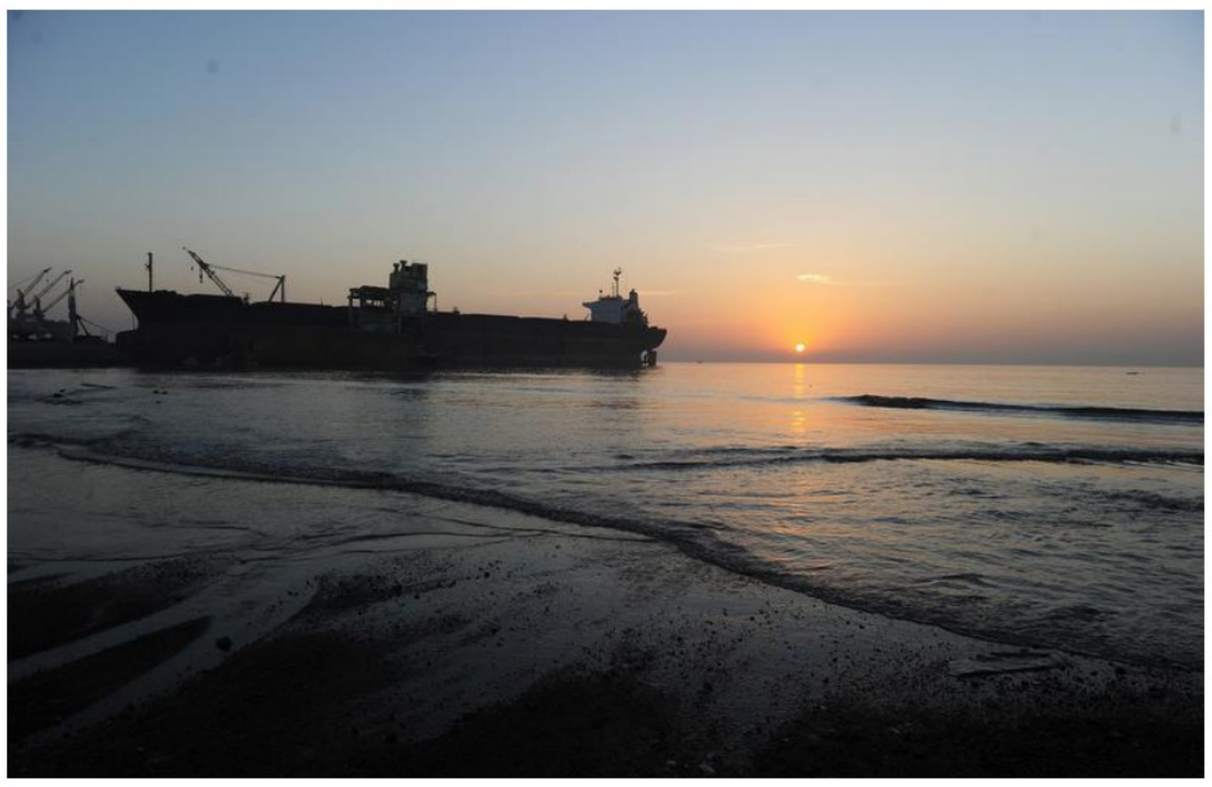

Final port: As hundreds of vessels are dismantled every year, Alang is known as the world's largest graveyard of ships.

Siphoned off: Workers unloading fuel from a ship that is to be broken down.

Where ships come to die

In Alang, creaky, old vessels of all kinds from around the word sail in to get dismantled

Vijay Soneji
soneji.v@thehindu.co.in

It's 7.30 p.m. at the Alang ship-breaking yard. The yard lights have come on, and a ship, fully lit, is heading to the shore from the Arabian Sea. It's the last time *Kochi Express* is sailing. Mohammad Asif Khan, safety officer of a company in the yard, jumps from his chair, comes out of his office and turns on his mobile-phone camera. "The ship will never be lit up again; it's a farewell to the vessel," he says.

Alang, in the Gulf of Khambhat in Gujarat, hosts the world's largest ship-breaking yard, dismantling many freight and cargo ships from around the world. The facility, established in 1983, has 183 yards along 14 km of the coast. Super-tankers, ferries, container ships and dwindling numbers of ocean liners are beached on the mud flats during high tide. As the tide recedes, manual labourers move to the beach to dismantle each ship, salvaging what they can and reducing the rest to scrap.

When the economy is good, the shipping market booms and fewer vessels arrive for scrapping. During the peak of the pandemic, as the tourism industry came to a halt, many cruise vessels ended up in Alang. The decommissioned aircraft carrier *INS Viraat* too has come for dismantling. "We have officially written out requests to the External Affairs and Shipping Ministries and the Prime Minister's office requesting hospitals and hazardous waste treatment at Alang," Mukesh B. Patel, chairman of Shri Ram Group, which is executing the work on *Viraat*, says.

At least 100 workers are engaged in picking apart the vessels in various yards. It takes six to eight months for breaking a ship, depending on its size. The labourers are migrants from Bihar, Odisha, West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh, working 12 hours during summer and 10 hours in winter from 7 a.m.

Precise task: A specialist in gas cutting is busy at a yard.

Save her soul: A ship gouged out of its entrails in Alang, the world's largest ship-breaking yard in the Gulf of Khambhat in Gujarat.

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VANNIYAR DOCTOR girl, MD – Radiology. 30 yrs/170cm fair and rich. currently working in vellore. please send horoscope with profile to watsapp 9080900741

DOCTOR GIRL MD Anesthesiology 33/165 fair pretty cultured & well mannered Chennai based doctors family. Father Doctor Kerala Nair, Mother Tamil CSI. Doctor grooms MD MS MCh DM & Engineers from good family background prfd. 9840050381/ 9840985383

Hindu, Doctor Bride, 24 Yrs, 167cm, Sozhia Vellala, Punarpoosam, affluent family, finished PLAB, doing clinical attachment in UK, seeks Tall, tamil speaking, Doctor Groom, Studying / Working in UK, from similar background. Contact: 9443625539

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Contact : 08281795158,
email: aswinganesh14@gmail.com

ENGINEER

SUITABLE MATCH for Christian RC girl 29–5ft 3inch BE senior software engineer Bangalore expects suitable qualified value oriented groom preferably in the same field watsapp mob. 9845488686

HINDU PQM for Mum. Bengali girl 36y/5ft 3inch fair BE MBA w'kg MNC Pune. 8879050666, gcroy1948@gmail.com

ENGLISH

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GOVT / QUASI GOVT

NAICKER/ PILLAI parent for their daughter 26 IFoS trainee needs groom group1 central/state ,bank, professor with clean habits from educated cultured family caste no bar 9944733890

MALAYALAM

REMARRIAGE-GIRL (32/156) MS. Employed in USA. Trivandrum based upper middle class family-vegetarians preferred. Proposals from parents of professionals, settled in US. Mob: 9496387897

TAMIL

TAMIL MUSLIM Lebbai, 28/157cm, M.Sc (Horti)., doing Ph.D, well settled family seeks suitable well employed/ Govt. Groom. Ct: 9944942785

✔ **US SETTLED Tamil Muslim Family seeking Groom for their Daughter in USA. Professionals from South India. Marriage Brokers also can contact:9962019979**

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CHRISTIAN NADAR girl, God–fearing, fair, beautiful, with MBA Finance degree, age 32. Father is an Engineer, Flat Promoter / Builder in Chennai, and Owner of 3 Star type Hotel. Looking for a bride groom who is well educated from an affluent family. Send your bio–data to 93841 32336.

TAMIL PROTESTANT Girl 37 / 5'3" Highly Presentable Post Graduate Nationalised Bank Executive Looking for Grooms Hailing from Decent Educated Family with Clean Habits and Well Placed. WhatsApp : 9840951311

RC NADAR Age:28 B.com 164cm Divorce, Groom wanted 1st/2nd Marriage ok Contact:Amaldhas Nadar 7200435192

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TAMIL

CSI CHRISTIAN Girl 32 BE working in MNC, seeks BE/ME Bride Groom with Good Job. Contact: 90430 19165

CSI CHRISTIAN Nadar Girl Fair, Good Looking, 03–04–1986 born / 152cm / M.Sc M.Phil, working as Assistant Professor in a Reputed Women's College, Mount Road, Chennai. Both Parents Doctors (Private), Suitable Alliance, Employed / Settled in Chennai / With Clean Habits from Same Community. Contact: 9841182514

CHRISTIAN RC Pillai. Age 35, TL in Reputed MNC. Looking for equivalent Caste / Anglo. Ph: 9944170209

TAMIL CATHOLIC affluent Doctor parents are looking for a suitable groom working in India or Abroad for their fair, beautiful daughter 29/160, who is an accomplished Doctor, Ct: 9945530186

YADAVA 33yrs Medical Professional Govt (PSU) 8LPA Caste nobar in OBC, Ct: 9443890184 / WA: 9443985816

SC AD 47 ME Phd Working 1.5 LPM Seeks BE, ME, MBBS India / Abroad Groom. 9489508429.

MUDALIAR 26/155 Dip Affluent Dyslexia Ch seeks well settled affectionate groom Ch only. Geetham9884858014

MUDALIAR (CNB): 25/ V.Fair, BE, MS (USA), Father Industrialist, Chennai, Elite Family, Seeks Groom – Business / Abroad / Eng – 8939012419

THEVAR KALLAR Aailyam Goodlooking 26/150 B.Tech IT MNC Chennai, seeks well settled professionally qualified groom. Ct:9841410791

MUDALIYAR 43 yrs/143 cms, BE(CSE), not working now, divorcee no issues, seeks working bridegroom Ct : 9444793113.

VISWABRAHMIN (GS), Thiruvonam, 40/150, M.E.,(CSE), Rich, Fair seeks same Caste Groom. 9486320982

DKV 28/167 Fair BE. TCS Chennai, Parents Hindu / CSI. Seeks Groom Dr /Er. Govt Employee. Ct: 8056143638

HINDU SC AD 36yrs 161cm BE MBA HR Manager Working in Maharatna Co. @ Nagpur Well Settled Seeks Groom Caste No Bar Ct: 8680095094/ 8248498021

MUDALIAR 26, BE, MS, 160cm, Good Looking well Settled Family Seeks Alliance CNB, Ct.8778514465/ 7200866346

PARKAVAKULAM 33/173 M.Phil Central Govt Officer New Delhi, Father: Govt officer (Retd), Reputed family Seek suitable elite groom. 9282321575

MBBS DR. TN Govt Chennai 23–02–90 fair slim 165 cm magaram uthiradam 4 Hindu Naidu Elite Family seeks Dr, Class A officer, Business Groom. Any Hindu FC/BC. 9841743266.

WORKING PROFESSIONAL, Tuluva Vellal Mudaliar Good looking Girl 35 Uthirattathy, Meenam, Family Seeks Alliance from First and Unmarried Bachelor Bridegroom Aged 35–37 Yrs, Employed, Caste no bar. Contact: After 7 PM; 7550245659

FAIR MUDALIAR 30/161, 35L/pa, PG HR seeks tall handsome groom. Dosham/ Veg/ Pet lover excuse. 9841092448

HINDU VELLALA Pillai Fair 38/160cm MBA Finance Visagam working in QATAR Govt.co.willing to relocate to any place seeks qualified Professional groom CNB. Contact: rasnan1948@gmail.com/ 9884219229/ 9884607858

SC AD Hindu, BE MBA, SBI Manager, 34yrs, Mesham–Bharani, seeking suitable & qualified Groom. Ph–8056104103

HINDU TAMIL Chettiar, propertied, +2 girl (35) invites middle class family boy. Caste no bar. Contact : 7708043513.

HINDU SC AD 45 BE MBA Chennai 1st Mrg.Well Educated& Job 1st mrg Chennai Bridegroom Prefer CNB 9444736161

PARKAVAKULAM 27/165 Visagam-4 B.Tech Amazon Chennai seeks suitable employed groom 8610207506

HINDU DKV 36/162 B.Tech IT TCS Chennai 16 Lac p.a SWE seeks Bank, Central, State Govt. Employee. CT: 95668-84715, 94424-44715.

MUDALIAR /PILLAI 35/154 fair Hastham MCA Uppr Mid Cls Chennai Seeks Prof Quaf Workg in Corp Co 8220757159

HINDU, SC Adi dravida, BE MBA, Female, Age 29, working in Accenture. Please Contact to:– (M) 9444991091.

TAMIL

PILLAI/ MUDALIAR B.E/ Kettai / MNC 25 Reputed Business family seeks alliance Ph : 98400 93322

TAMIL Agamudaiyar Devar fair 34yrs Divorced Govt.Doctor doing MS (Opthalmology), seeking good manner and decent Groom preferably PG Doctor Govt/ Pvt in Coimbatore, Karur, Tanjore and Chennai age between 36 to 40 years. CT:7010106249.

RICH HINDU Nadar, 32 / MS., Famous Industrialist Daughter Seeks Rich Groom. Ct: 95141 73518

ELITE MUDALIYAR 23 / B.Tech, (Textiles Mills Owner) Rich Family Seeks Groom. Ct: 72000 67015

MUDALIAR THULUVA vellalar,U. Krithika B.Com,MBA,CA–working,Own house –5,Dob:28/10/98,6.17pm,Thiruvonam 1 Paadham,Magaram.7010973661,Ch–96.

SINGAPOREAN, SAIVA Pillai, CNB, Veg, Dentist, 25/158. Seeking a well–educated groom working in Singapore or willing to relocate. Contact WhatsApp : +65 91670073

MANNADIAR Girl 32/156 PhD Chemistry, Avitom, Asst.Professor, Gujarat, Vegetarian. 8281641881, 9429815230

SC AD Hindu unmarried Msc 37 Seeking Groom 8610410886.Caste No Bar. Brokers Excuse.

VANNIYAR TAMIL unmarried 57 years PG well settled seeks suitable groom between 60–70 years Ct: 6383024827

KONGU VELLALA Girl 26 doing CA (Final), Seeks CA pursuing completed Groom. CT:9363243711

WANTED VEG, non–smoker, Non – alcoholic Brahmin boy, Japanese knowing, based or inclined to locate to Japan for 28 year old girl, Srivatsa gotram, graduate, proficient in Japanese language and working in Tokyo Japan. WhatsApp to 9845319783 or email: swarna_mohan@Hotmail.com

MUSLIM 24/ 168 cm MA(HR) Team Leader MNC Chennai Well To Do Family. Seeks Chennai Well Settled Working/ Business Professional. 9710913788

VANNIYAR GIRL 28 years MBA well settled family seeking alliance from same background & community. Send horoscope & profile to whatsapp – 9840961251

AN AFFLUENT family in Tamilnadu, need Bridegroom for their daughter. Iyer, Kalpangirasa Gothra, 1997, 5'5, Magam / Simha Rasi, Kumbha Lagna, PG (UK), has own start–up unit. Looking for affluent Professionals/ Business Iyer groom (no sub–sect) from Chennai Email: subamangalam1997@gmail.com Ct: + 91 8015008221

BRIDEGROOM WANTED
Hindu Nadar girl, DOB 8/1994, Ht 168 cms, ME, Thiruvathirai, Mithunam, Chevvai Ragu Kaethu, Upper middle class Seeks Equally Qualified Boy, Well Settled. Contact:
96 26 51 55 11

GROOM WANTED
Tamil, Vokkaliga Gowder (Baneer), **Coimbatore, aged 24 yrs**, 180cms (5"11) tall, Fair, Computer Engg, **Works in IT Bengaluru,** Seeks educated, employed/ Professional Grooms within Tamilnadu/ Abroad. -CNB
9443 077 977

GROOM WANTED
Fair, Smart, Pretty Girl Software Analyst in MNC. 14 L Per Annum, BE-ECE, 29/5.6'. Intercaste Hindu Parents (Naidu & Vishwakarma) Seeks Employed Hindu Groom
Ct: 94444 02824

MUSLIM BRIDEGROOM WANTED
MUSLIM innocent Divorcee, No child, PG Dr. Bride, Fair Age 31, 160cm, practicing in Australia seeking alliance Dr., Er., any professional Degree willing to settled in Australia.
Contact: H.Adambasha
98403 97405

TAMIL

HINDU NADAR 23,BE 165cm (Studied CBSE) Fair Seekes Educated Well Settled Family Ct: 9840366663 Chennai

HINDU MUDALIYAR Age 26, MBBS 165cm Rs.40000 PM Caste No Bar Ct: 8939691888 / 9710093999

HINDU NADAR Age 25, BE, 160cm Rs.90000 PM KA Raman Nadar Contact: 9380791999

PILLAI/MUDALIAR, 33, Good looking, MBBS, MD Final yr, Well Settled family seeks Groom 33-36 years, Engineer/ Business/ Doctor. Ct: 9345855735

Hindu Nadar, 35yrs B.E, Banking, Divorcee, No Child, Own a House seeks Groom within 40yrs. Ct: 94431 56344

Hindu Adidravida Hastham 27/154cm B.E MNC, 16L PA seeks suitable Allian ce from Govt, PSU, IT. Ct: 9444155781

Hindu AD/SC, 25/165, Graduate, Fair, Good looking,Classical Dancer Sathya Sai Baba Devotee,Teacher-Pvt School, seeks suitable Groom Fr good family background, pref. Sri Sathya Sai Baba Devotee.Ct:9445116994 / 9445024377

IYER, Affluent, 32yrs /5 Ft, Kousigam, Bharani. Lawyer, PG Chennai, 55L P.A only child, brilliant, Robust Built, Multiple Properties seeks well Educated, Employed or Business,Cultured, Clean Habits, Affulent Groom from Chennai Brahmins Pfrd. Ct: 99400 82545

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BUSINESS

HONEST, SIMPLE, Compassionate, Wheatish IIM Alumni, Engineer, Masters in political leadership, 180 cm/36 Years; Divorced (issueless) Businessperson, Non–smoker/non–drinker; looking for SHE (Simple, Honest & Empathetic) Lady, Caste/ Religion/Profession–No Bar, Whatsapp profile 9998319854

COSMOPOLITAN

TELUGU SC Mala groom,29/175 cm, Handsome, B.Tech and Masters, from well to do educated family,working in U.K., seeks educated beautiful bride between the age 23-27 from an educated family. Caste or language no bar. Send bio, photo to indirapriya1968@gmail.com,8328645024. No brokers.

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TAMIL

CHRISTIAN NADAR, 34yrs/178cms, MBBS with dip in Cardiology Private Doctor good looking lives in Nagercoil, Innocent Divorcee seeks same caste qualified Bride/ Divorcee above 28yrs. Ct: 90039 83230.

CHRISTIAN, 41/170, B.E. software Engineer, Chennai, never married, seeks bride from elite family, caste no bar. CT– 9500188067

CHRISTIAN TAMIL 30 ME MBA 55,000 PM working at Bangalore MNC own house at Coimbatore expecting educated employed girl with good family background. Any religion caste language welcome contact 9500682857

AGAMUDAIYAR 26/5'10" B.TECH (Bio Tech) magam working in Serum Institute Pune 10 lakhs p.a seeks suitable bride WhatsApp 7639443399

MUDALIAR (CNB): 26/ Handsome, MBBS (Australia), Senior resident Doctor, Elite Family, Australian citizen, Seeks Bride– willing to relocate Sydney,– 8925019776, + 65 9822 1302

SEEKING SIMPLE, Clean Habits,Vegetarian Bride willing to be Homemaker for our Son Ms(CS) USA,28yrs/178cms,Iyer,Vegetarian & Clean Habits.Financial Status of the Bride does not matter.Ct. WhatsApp:+1 732 372–8410

44YRS SCIENTIST USA, Divorcee seeks Suitable Tamil Bride BC/FC family, unmarried / Widower. Ph:9962882322

HINDU NADAR, 34, Avittam, Magaram, B.Tech, SWE, MNC Bangalore, 36LPA, WFH, Educated family from Madurai seeks suitable Bride. Ct:94438 60983, 94429 84922.

HINDU, MUDALIYAR, 39, Divorced, USA Citizen, Seeking Bride (Any Degree) with NO child, Caste No Bar. CT: 9994328550/9790515437

IYER, GARGAYA, Brahacharanam, Avittam, Widower 43/156 family concern, Own House, 11 yrs Child Ct: 9940469993 / sstyagarajan@gmail.com

GROOM 25 B.Com MBA Sucessfully Running His Own Business in Chennai From Affluent Respectful Family Only Son Height 178 Cm Wheat Complexion Seeks Pillai, Mudaliar Girl Graduate/ PG From Broad Minded Respectful Family Employed/Unemployed Contact: 9444018671

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TAMIL YADAVAR 30 yrs 174, Pvt CONCERN Chennai Sal 50K Native Ranipet. Seeks Suitable Bride Ct: 9940567735

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MUDALIYAR 30YRS MS/Thiruvonam, Magara Rasi working in US in IT Sector Well to Do Family with his Assests Worth in Crores.Seeks Bride 9840456644(only Whats App call) 9840636662

HINDU, BALIJA Age 46/166, B.sc Business / 25k Seeks Suitable Bride below 37. Caste No bar. Ct: 9444107875

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KONGU VELLALA Gounder 49yrs Divorcee 12-15 LPA, no expectations, Seeks Educated Bride. Ct:9865679006

MUDALIAR/NAIDU 27/173 Msc Fin Doha Seeks Educated Bride from a rich family. CNB Geetham 9884858014

SOZHIYA VELLALAR 30/175 cm Software Engineer working in MNC seeks working/qualified bride. Ct: 9962010788/8760136867

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SC AD 29/B.Tech., Govt.Job Junior Engineer {T.N.E.B} 58,000p.m. Any Degree Seeks Bride. Ph:7397674481

CASTE NO BAR 38/168 PILLAI M.Tech SWE MNC Chennai 18L Aswini seeks bride 9841151575 write2vpt@gmail.com

CASTE NO Bar Hindu Sourashtra, BC 37 MBA Pvt Manager 1.15L Pm, Chennai. Suitable Bride Wanted 9381725577

TAMIL VANNIYASKULA Kshatriya 35/180 M.S (UK) Engineering design seeking bride same community contact No. 9486291986 / 9442910057

CASTE NO BAR 1980 Bank Manager, Star: Bharani/Mesham Chennai–59. Seeks Bride. Cont – 9566209636/ 22394878

TAMIL BRAHMIN Male divorcee 52 one lakh per month Bangalore seeks any marital status brahmin brides CT:9591904754

MUDALIAR, 19–10–1989/6'2", Thiruvadirai,Mithunam, BE, MBA, IT sector,11 LPA, Che, Sub caste: No bar, seeks a good looking, grad, employed girl btw 27–30 yr from a good family, 8056119148.

HINDU Parayar 33 BE Senior Piping Engineer, 12Lak PA, require Educated Girl from decent family. ct:9600577589

HINDU NADAR 45 BE business seeks unmarried bride send BHP matrigold2023@gmail.com

PROFESSOR, GOVT.COLLEGE, 43yrs/ 167cm, Sportsman seeks Professor/ Govt job/ Well Settled Bride Any caste & religion. Ct: 8870417228

VANNIYAKULA KSHATRIYA 31/178, BE, Fair, Infosys, Chennai, 23LPA, seeks suitable bride. 9444020968.

TAMIL

GAVARA NAIDU, 39/180, Uthiradam, Maharam, B.E.,M.S(Eng) Maintenance Eng, MNC chennai, 15L PA, first marriage seeks Bride, Ct: 9487272897

HINDU NADAR, ME, 30, Star:Kettai, Data science Manager – State Street Global Advisors,Bangalore. 23LPA. Seeking Bride from a educated family.Ct:9442182392.

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VANNIAR 31/178, Rich Fair Divorcee, Job @ Swiss Infosys 8Lac per month,Seeks Bride Expectation Never married, CNB Ct: 9443034808/ 9597405082

DIP, COMP. Science, Animation, Own Business, 29yrs Brahmin, Subsect No bar, No Expectation. Ct: 94443 81928, 94454 25494.

BRAHMIN 39 Chennai Divorced and well Settled Income Monthly 5 Lakhs Bride Wanted Ct: 8754536193

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IYER, 41 Years, Self Employed Chartered Accountant in Erode. Having own house and earns 25LPA. Right leg slightly short. He can walk and drive vehicle normally. Need Suitable Bride. Call 9994934568

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BRIDE WANTED
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Ct: 9444149649
nasarqmc@gmail.com

BRIDES WANTED
Isai Vellalar, Uthiram, 29/177, Smart, Handsome Engineer, Software Professional, employed in Canada Seeks good looking, well educated bride willing to settle in Canada. Sub caste no bar.
Ct: 94444 18737 / 86100 64614

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Hindu Nadar Boy, Fair, Handsome, 26 Yrs, 5.6', Prof.Qual. Own Business, well settled Family seeks Educated, Fair Girl from Reputed Family. Mediators with Good Contacts also Call.
98400 22535
hindunadar555@gmail.com

TAMIL

Iyer Vadamal, Kasyapa Poorattathi 43/161cm M.Sc Working in MNC Chennai 15L PA seeks Educated Employed / Unemployed Bride subsect no bar Ct: 99433 06563 / 044-2950 3379

TAMIL IYER Vadama Sankruti Anusham 32yrs /163 / 65, MBA Sr Manager Leading Pvt Bank Mumbai Looking for decently Educated Tamil Brahmin girl. Contact: 93246 94206 / 99875 28294. Email: chiraman@rediffmail.com

CASTE NO BAR, Hindu Yadava, 31/180, M.E, Employed in Multinational Company at Chennai, seeks suitable professionally qualified bride with good family background Ct: 94444 49696.

MUDALIAR 56/160, M.A, Central Govt Employee, 90K pm. Never Married, seeks bride. CNB. Cont: 87786 30870.

HINDU SC Govt. Doctor, 47yrs, Unmarried Seeks Bride Equal Qualification Ct: 86680 90209 / 98403 74285.

31 / 164cm ME. Assistant Professor Chennai Divorcee seeks suitable Bride Unmarried/ Divorcee- No Issue. Naidu/ Mudaliar/ Pillai/ Chettiar Preferred. Contact: 94430 52596 / 94456 89306

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TELUGU

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NAIDU, AYILYAM, 34, 6 ft, B.E. , MNC , 1.25L take home, Chennai own house. Ct. 9566133085 (WhatsApp Text Only).

NAIDU 28/180, Fair,V. Handsome,BE,MSC, AWS,Australia, 105000. Aud.PA, Affluent, CNB. 7299576644,7299576666

Age 37, Resident of Newzeland, Engineer, Own House/Property Divorce with zero financial commitments from previous marriage seeks brahmin Suitable bride 1st & 2nd Marriage ok (no child) Ph:7702299900

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PARKAVAKULAM, 34, 183 cms, Businessman, MBA. Lives in Madurai. Parents are Entrepreneurs. Family is financially well off with a good net worth. Looking for a compatible match from same community. Contact: 6366448343

DEVANDRA KULA VELLALAR, 26, 178 cms, Businessman, MBA. Lives in Chennai. Parents are working professionals.Looking for like minded match. Contact: 6366448343

YADAV, 25, 180 cms, Working Professional, MBA. Lives in Coimbatore. Father is a working professional. Family is affluent with a good net worth. Looking for a suitable match from same community. Contact: 6366448343

REDDY, 27, 183 cms, Manager, MBA. Lives in Chennai. Father is a working professional. Family is financially well off with a good net worth. Looking for an amiable match. Contact: 6366448344

ELITE GROOMS WANTED

MUDALIYAR/ CASTE NO BAR, 29, 160 cms, Data Scientist, M.Tech. Lives in Chennai. Father is an Employed. Family is financially well off with a good net worth. Looking for a like minded match from any caste. Contact: 6366448343

PARKAVAKULAM, 23, 155 cms, Dentist, Pursuing FDS. Lives in Chennai. Father is a Businessman. Family is affluent with a good net worth. Looking for a compatible match from same community. Contact: 6366448343

NAIDU, 27, 165 cms, Doctor, MD/MS. Lives in Chennai. Parents are working professionals. Family is financially well off with a good net worth. Looking for a like minded and well educated Doctors from same community. Contact: 6366448343

INTERCASTE, 31, 163 cms, Medical Advisor with Pharma Industry, MBBS. Lives in Mumbai. Father is a Doctor. Family is affluent with a good net worth. Looking for a suitable match. Contact: 6366448344

LINGAYATH, 27, 173 cms, Post graduate, from a Bangalore based high profile family with very good net worth. Looking for an amiable match from the same community in Bangalore. Contact: 6366448346

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TELUGU

FAIR GOOD Looking, 31/5.5" B.E, Chennai Naidu Divorcee (Short lived) Sadhayam seeks upto 36, India / Abroad. CNB. Ct: 8056093838/ 9500009694

KAMMA 41 Divorced Ph.D Visakam, Thulam seeks educated groom 7904501004 / 9942363464, vnimavathi@gmail.com

ELITE BALIJA Naidu 24/ Own Engineering Colleges, Textiles (Coimbatore), Seeks Rich Groom. Ct: 72002 59760

29-YEAR OLD SWE, MNC Bangalore 160cm fair Balija Naidu Raasi Simha Nakshatra Pubba 2nd paadam Marriage annulled 1st-day divorce obtained parent is Central Govt employees with good net worth only daughter without siblings preferable Bangalore. Ct: 9902143916

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GROOM WANTED
Naidu, 28yrs / 5'4"/ Hastham, M.B.B.S (Doing P.G), Chennai from Educated, Cultured and Affluent Family Seeking Groom (Age 29 to 33 yrs) (Tee-Totaler) From Well Educated, Cultured and Decent Family.
Ct:98848 76246

URDU

CHENNAI ORIGIN, Sunni Muslim, Urdu speaking, parents of Canada based , Middle East born Girl 20 years, seek groom settled in Canada/USA. What's app: 8925764530.

SMU 25/170cm M.Tech, Good Looking seeks suitable Alliance from Decent and Religious Family. Ct: 98410 21747

COSMOPOLITAN

IYENGAR / THENKALAI /39 /BE Fair 180 cm Settled in US, Seeks Suitable Bride. Caste / Community No Bar. Mail: tksk.515@gmail.com

BRIDE FOR our son, Mtech, MS, engineer Sweden, 1986, Uthiradam, Mudaliyar, 180/75. Contact:– 9884187197.

DIVORCEE

42, GENERAL Manager @HCL, 2L PM Own House/Property Divorce with Zero Financial Commitments from Previous Marriage seeks Suitable Bride 1st&2ndmarriage ok(no child) 9884222271

SMART HEALTHY businessman 53 yrs Living single in Chennai needs a honest, pretty,Loving companion below 40 yrs with child accepted widow divorcee caste religion no bar call or what's up 9790985319

TAMILNADU–BASED ISSUELESS NRI groom, second divorcee born in 1964. Seeking issueless bride, who should be focused and escalate, loyal to stay Long. Ct. 63857 54610

DOCTOR

BRAHMIN MBBS/ MD/MS Blw 26 for Brahmin–TNV Saivapillai26/170/Doing MS.Mom–Doctor,Dad–Business.9840271146

MALAYALAM

HINDU THIYYA Boy, Calicut, 33 yrs, Consultant, Cyber Security, from well settled family seeks alliance from girls of well settled families. Contact : 80757 40342 / 9495 669599

NAIR 28/192 Smart Software Professional MNC Chennai CHOTHI seeks tall good looking well educated brides from respectable NAIR families. 9444414951/8838593652

NRI

NAIDU 28/180 Pooratathi, BTech MS. Permanant Resident of Sweden, UM Class Professional Bride willing to relocate Ct 9566682220

TAMIL

CHETTIAR 28/181 BTec MS MBA B'lore Remarriage Seeks well Educated smart Bride CNB. Geetham 9884858014

5FT 11INCH, 29yr, Surgeon(MS,MCh, AIIMS Delhi), looking for well educated, OBC/BC, Tamil/kannada bride with Traditional values. 8618607705.

NADAR 32/167 Doing medical coding in Chennai. Seeks Suitable Bride. Contact through WhatsApp: +1(973) 652-9458

HINDU NADAR, 25, 174, Swathi, Thulam, B.Tech., well settled family, Business at Salem, seeks Qualified Bride, same caste. M: 98430-36363.

CHENNAI AUDITOR Aged 55 legally divorced seeks woman divorced or widow. No brokers. Ct: 86673 87588

DEVANGA 38 B.Arch Self Employed 50, 000 PM CNB Seeks Brides Educated with Job. Orphans, widow, Divorce Without Issue 9962135928 / 9940158383

VISWABRAHMIN (GS), Thiruvonam, 40/170, ACA & ACMA/ 70000 MNC seeks same Caste Bride. 9486320982

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CHENNAI. KIND, no bad habit. Innocent divorcee 40yrs PG Cent Government GM Sports Rs 2Lac/mth Educated Hindu girl Unmarred Ct:9884171419

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RICH MUDALIAR 28/ Own Famous Textiles Showrooms (All Over India) Affluent Family Seeks Rich Bride. Ct: 72000 67015

HINDU NADAR 26, BE, 175cm, Inc 1, 80,000/– Bangalore, Seeks Suitable Bride K A Raman Nadar 9380791999

HINDU MOOPANAR 26, MDS, 175cm, Income 1,50,000/– Seeks Suitable Bride Caste No Bar 9710093999/ 8939691888

Some buses to run on methanol-blended fuel from today

Union Minister Nitin Gadkari to flag off buses. They will be operated for three months. Indian Oil will provide blended fuel during the trial run

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

For the first time, Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) will run some of its city buses using methanol-blended fuel.

The buses will be operated on a pilot basis. Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari will flag off pilot trials of MD15 buses on the premises of Vidhana Soudha on Sunday.

BMTC will provide 10 buses for the ambitious Union government project to bring down pollution, says an official. FILE PHOTO

Buses will run on 15% methanol-blended fuel. On this occasion, a truck that runs on 100% methanol (M 100) will be launched.

A BMTC official said, "This is an initiative by the Central government and NITI Aayog. The corporation will provide 10 buses, both BSVI and BSIV, for the initiative. It is an ambitious project of the Union government to bring down pollution as well as reliance on the import of fuel.

Blending of 15% methanol in gasoline can result in at least 15% reduction in the import of gasoline/crude oil. In addition, this would bring down GHG emissions by 20%, thereby improving the urban air quality, states the website

"On a pilot basis, buses will be operated for a period of three months. Indian Oil will provide blended fuel during the trial run."

'Methanol economy'

As per the information provided by Niti Aayog, on "Methanol Economy", methanol is a low-carbon, hydrogen carrier fuel produced from high ash coal, agricultural residue, CO_2 from thermal power plants and natural gas.

"NITI Aayog's 'Methanol Economy' programme is aimed at reducing India's oil import bill, greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, and converting coal reserves and municipal solid waste into methanol.

"Blending 15% methanol in gasoline can result in at least a 15% reduction in the import of gasoline/crude oil. In addition, this would bring down GHG emissions by 20%, thereby improving urban air quality. Methanol Economy will also create close to 5 million jobs through methanol production/application and distribution services," states the website.

Diesel consumption

Every day, city buses operated in Bengaluru consume over 2.5 lakh litres of diesel. Expenditure on fuel has been a major component of the corporation's spending.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby informed to the public that my client Sri. Robert Monis is intending to purchase the immovable Vacant Site bearing Municipal No. 21, having BBMP PID No. 2-198-21, (old Khaneshumari No. 38), situated at 9th Cross, Brindavan Nagar, SBM Colony, BBMP Ward No. 2-Jalahalli, Bengaluru, measuring 30 ft. x 50 ft., totally measuring 1500 Sq. ft., from its owner Sri. Srinivasa Murthy.

If anybody or any authority having any right, title, claims, interest or objections over the same, may file their objections with documents to below mentioned address within 7 days from the date of this public notice. Failing which my client will proceed to purchase the above said Property by treating no one has objections in respect of the said properties.

SUBRAHMANYA HEGDE
Advocate,
ANANDA & HEGDE LAW ASSOCIATES,
#76-77, Krishna Krupa Building,
Ground Floor, 2nd Main Road,
Sheshadripuram, Bangalore-20.
Mob: 9060069259.

Proposal for staff cut and closure of teacher training institutes opposed

Jayanth R.
BENGALURU

The Department of School Education and Literacy (DSEL) has proposed rationalising and restructuring all teacher training institutes across Karnataka in accordance with the National Education Policy (NEP)-2020.

This includes the reduction of teaching and non-teaching staff by 25% at District Institutes of Education and Training (DIET), College of Teachers' Education (CTE) and Department of State Educational Research and Training (DSERT).

The department has listed 228 teaching and non-teaching staff as excess among 1,423 in these institutions and submitted a proposal to the State government for redeployment.

More crucially, the department has proposed shutting down all six Government Teachers' Training Institutions (GTTI).

Department draws flak

While the department has argued that patronage for these institutes has reduced and defended the restructuring or shutting down of GTTIs, the proposal has drawn criticism from several quarters.

The Karnataka State Government Employees' Association and the Karnataka State BEOs' Association have written to Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai criticising the restructuring proposal.

"Reducing staff in DIETs, CTEs, and DSERTs is not the solution. Shutting down any institution is not welcome. Instead, the government should strengthen these institutions with proper infrastructure and faculty and offer new courses," the letter said.

"The GTTIs and other government institutions are the last resort for rural, social and economically backward students for teacher training courses. Instead of reducing the staff and shutting down institutions, strengthening infrastructure is the need of the hour," said a faculty member of one of the GTTIs.

Developmental educationist Dr. V.P. Niranjanaradhya saw a conspiracy behind the restructuring proposal, to weaken the public sector to hand over teacher education to private players in the long run.

He also alleged that this would deny quality education to marginalised children as these institutions are often the only available institutions at the district level to support the academic aspects of the government schools at the block, cluster and school level.

Appeal to Minister

Pramoda Devi Wadiyar, from the erstwhile Mysuru royal family, has written to School Education and Literacy Minister B.C. Nagesh, requesting him not to shut down GTTIs.

The GTTI in Mysuru, started in 1928, by the erstwhile kings of the Wadiyar family, is just five years shy of celebrating its centenary. There are six GTTIs providing teacher education in Sindhanur, Dharwad, Kalaburgi, Mysore, Chikkanahalli and Hosadurga.

Mass yoga event held to create awareness on scourge of trafficking

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

Scores of yoga practitioners hit the mat in the early hours of Saturday here to register their protest and oppose child and girl trafficking and create public awareness of the issue.

Braving the morning chill that tends to linger till 8 a.m. the yoga practitioners performed various asanas and expressed their ire against trafficking. The event was organised by Odanadi Seva Samsthe which is crusading against human trafficking since the last 3 decades and has created a strong international network to fight the scourge.

"Yoga Stops Traffick" is one of the premier mass events conceived by Odanadi Seva Samsthe to send a message and involve the public in the crusade against human trafficking and is being held since the last 13 years.

The eent in the city was part of a larger global endeavour in which yoga was performed across 170 cities in 42 countries by activists and people who are working with the authorities in their respective countries to crack down on trafficking.

'Yoga Stops Traffick' is an event conceived by Odanadi Seva Samsthe to send a message and involve the public in the crusade against human trafficking

Synchronised

Stanely and Parashuram, founders of Odanadi, said the concept began in a small way but has grown over the last decade and is now held simultaneously in various countries. It has taken weeks of preparations to synchronise and coordinate the dates to ensure that the event is a success, they added.

In Mysuru the participants assembled in front of the Kote Anjaneyaswamy temple adjoining the palace gate north and performed various asanas to drive home the message against trafficking. The participants donned T-shirts proclaiming opposition to human trafficking and rolled out their mats to perform yoga in public for nearly half-an-hour.

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@ (1). K.R.College of Arts and Science, Kovilpatti, (2). Vanaramutti, (3). Kumareddiyapuram, (4). Mobile Health Care Checkup Camp @ Kovilpatti town

09.00 a.m. Blood Donation Camp @ LAPC Auditorium

09.30 a.m. Prayer @ Manimandapam & K. R. Statue

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My client intends to purchase the property more particularly described in the Schedule hereunder from the Smt Anju A. Jain Alias Anju Ajay Kumar and S. Ajay Kumar Alias Ajay Kumar Jain, the present owners who have represented that they have a clear and marketable title to the same. Any person/s, financial institutions and statutory authorities who claims any right, title or interest of any nature in or any lien, charge or enforceable right in relation to the Schedule Property and/or has any objections of any nature to the aforesaid transaction should lodge such claim and/or objections in writing to the under signed together with supporting documents with in (10) days hereof, failing which it will be presumed that no valid claims or objections subsist and my client would proceed to complete the transaction with the present owners thereof subject to compliance with other statutory and legal formalities.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immoveable property being agricultural dry land measuring an extent of about 0-14 Guntas comprised in Sy.No. 36/6, land measuring an extent of about 0-13 Guntas comprised in Sy.No. 36/10 and land measuring an extent of about 0-14 Guntas comprised in Sy.No.36/12 (old Sy.No.36/6) of Edamadu Village (Annex- Gantakanadoddi Village) Kanakapura Main Road, Harohalli Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara District and bounded on the

East by : Channel Road and thereafter Sy.No.37
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It is hereby notified that, my clients intend to purchase the Schedule property from its owners: **(1) Smt.Sapna** W/o Sri.Sridhar Aswathanarayana; **(2) Smt.R.Mrudula Bai** W/o Sri.Anjana Raghunath; and **(3) Smt.R.Meera Bai** W/o Sri.R.Gopalakrishna.

If any person/s have any manner of right, title, interest or claim or charge or lien over the Schedule property or otherwise have any lawful objection/s for sale of the Schedule property by the aforesaid owners, they are hereby called upon to file their objections in writing, along with the photocopies of documents on which they rely, with the undersigned, within 14 days from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my clients.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing Municipal Nos.165 (PID No.46-16-165); 165/1 (PID No.46-16-165/1); 165/2 (PID No.46-16-165/2); & 165/3 (PID No.46-16-165/3), in all measuring East to West 51ft and North to South 108ft, with a building thereon, situated at 5th Main Road (Sri Puttanachetty Road), Chamarajpet, Bangalore and bounded on:

East by : Private property
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HC directs govt. to temporarily suspend exams scheduled on March 13 and 14 for classes 5 and 8

Division Bench to continue hearing on March 14 govt's appeal against single judge's verdict of quashing new method of assessment

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A Division Bench of the High Court of Karnataka on Saturday, directed the State government to keep in abeyance the examinations, scheduled on March 13 and 14 for classes 5 and 8, till the court hears the appeal filed by the Government against the verdict of the single judge, who had quashed the new method of assessment by conducting uniform exams for these classes from the present academic year.

A special Division Bench comprising Justice G. Narendar and Justice Ashok S. Kinagi passed the interim order while pointing out that it cannot decide the appeal filed the government without going through single judge's verdict, which is yet to be released.

The single judge had only read out the operative

FROM THE COURT

operation of the verdict on March 10. Though the Bench heard the government's appeal in detail, it adjourned further hearing till March 14. The Bench said it has to ascertain, before passing any order, the reasons given by the single judge for quashing the December 12, 2022, circular, issued by the government introducing the uniform method for assessment from this academic year itself.

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Meanwhile, the Bench directed the government to issue publication in both the print and electronic media with regard to the "nill consequences of the proposed examinations". That is, to inform the students and the parents the students of classes 5 and 8 will not be detailed or failed based on their performance in the proposed new method of assessment.

'A common platform'

"The present proposed exercise appears to be nothing more but a test off skills of all the students on a common platform or a common question paper," the Bench observed, on the no-detention policy in class 5 and 8.

Also, the Bench noted that if the December 12, 2022, circular is appreciated in the background of the provisions of the RTE Act and in the light of the clarification carried in the circular itself, the new assessment process "does not retard the progress of the child, at best, the exercise mooted under the circular could be equated with a monthly test or a weekly or a review test, which are conducted by the schools without qualms."

Additional Advocate General Dhyan Chinnappa contended that the proposed questions formulated for the uniform assessment method is not out of the syllabus prescribed for the academic year. He also pointed out that the booklet "kalika chetarike" is in the nature of illustrations as to how the questions are to be answered and the illustrations are from of the prescribed syllabus.

Though advocate for Karnataka Unaided Schools Managements' Association contested that the book is a separate syllabus by itself, the Bench observed that "prima-facie, we are of the opinion that it does not appear to be a separate subject or in any manner, outside the prescribed syllabus."

The single judge, though had lauded the object and intent of the new method of assessment, had said that the circular does not stand to scrutiny of law. as the changes were made without framing the rules for implementing Section 16 of the Right of Children for Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009, as amended in 2019.

New dates of exams to be announced soon: official

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Following the directions of Karnataka High Court, the State government has postponed public examinations for classes 5 and 8, which was scheduled to begin on Monday.

After judgement

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Dr. Vishal R., Commissioner for the Department of Public Instruction said, "The new dates will be announced after the judgement. We are again reiterating that these exams will be an assessment of children's learning abilities, and no student will be retained."

Flight returns to KIA after 10 minutes of take-off

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A Lucknow-bound flight from Bengaluru, made an emergency landing at Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) after 10 minutes of take-off on Saturday.

The flight returned to the airport following technical problems.

The AIX Connect flight took off from Bengaluru airport around 6.45 a.m. and returned soon after.

Meanwhile, an Akasa Air flight QP 1323, flying from Bengaluru to Guwahati, reported a suspected hard landing at Guwahati airport.

The aircraft landed safely, and after a detailed inspection, it was later released for the next flight. As a result, subsequent flight departures were impacted, Akasa Air said in a statement.

Police crack two cases of house break-in by gangs from Nepal who posed as domestic help

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The South Division police cracked two cases of house-in committed by gangs from Nepal, some of whom were posing as domestic helps, and their associates in separate incidents, and recovered valuables including cash, jewels and a licensed pistol and live ammunition of a total worth ₹2.7 crore.

All the accused hail from Nepal and had joined as domestic help for a few months to gain the confidence of the house owners. Later, they committed the crime after getting the details of family going out of town, police claimed.

City Police Commissioner C.H. Pratap Reddy said that it was pertinent to note that in both the cases the house-owners had failed to obtain the ID-cards or details of the domestic helps while hiring them. He advised people to get a background verification and collect at least two ID cards from them along with the contact details of the referred person.

The J.P. Nagar police arrested Prem and Lakshmi Sejuval, a couple hailing from Nepal who worked as domestic help at the house of a businessman in J.P. Nagar and roped in their associates to burgle the house. The accused even administered sedative to Kiran, son of the couple who was at home at the time of incident. In another incident, the J.P. Nagar police arrested a domestic help from Nepal who roped in her associates to steal valuables from the house where she was working on December 2. The accused have been identified as Vimala, Arjun Sahi, Pooran Sahi, Harish Sahi, and Ramitha Thakur. The police recovered 320 grams of gold valuables, ₹6.12 lakh cash and 190 grams of silver articles.

Heritage and Educational District piques interest of citizens, heritage enthusiasts

Jahnavi T. R.
BENGALURU

While the word "heritage" is usually associated with royal palaces, forts and galleries, the State government has floated a unique concept of a 'Heritage and Educational District' in the recently presented State Budget. The idea has piqued the interest of citizens as well as heritage enthusiasts in the city.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said in the Budget speech that a feasibility study would be conducted to declare the area within five kilometres from the centre of the city (which has heritage and educational institutions) as the aforementioned district. According to officials of the Higher Education department, which will conduct the study, the concept will give more emphasis to education and heritage.

There are many institutions like University Visvesvaraya College of Engineering in Bengaluru which carry a history and legacy. FILE PHOTO

Government officials confirmed that the study would take count of all heritage educational institutions in the 5-km area and the number of students studying there can then come up with novel ideas.

"The concept of a heritage education hub is very unique. It is usually not found in many cities. There are many institutions in this area which carry a history and legacy. For instance, there is the University of Visvesvaraya College of Engineering (UVCE), which was established by Sir M. Visvesvaraya, then there is the Government Sri Krishnarajendra Silver Jubilee Technological Institute, which was constructed by Sir M. Visvesvaraya and Sir Mirza Ismail to commemorate the 25-year reign of Nalwadi Krishnarajendra Wadiyar. We want to involve aspects of urban planning keeping in mind the heritage value of such spaces," said Pradeep P., Commissioner for the Department of Collegiate and Technical Education. There are also other institutions like Central College, S.J. Polytechnic, Women's Polytechnic College and many others which have historical connections.

'Welcome move'

Architects and heritage enthusiasts said while the concept of a Heritage and Educational District is welcome, certain things must be considered before starting the project.

"While the heritage value of the institutions is being recognised, that alone might not be sufficient. I hope that the architectural value of the buildings is also considered. This is what is known as living heritage, and I wish that this is expanded to other institutions apart from higher educational institutions like schools and offices like Mayo Hall and to other areas as well," said Meerya Iyer, Convenor, INTACH.

Air hostess falls to death from fourth floor of building

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 28-year-old air hostess died after she fell from the fourth floor of an apartment in Koramangala, where she had gone to meet her friend in the early hours of Saturday.

The deceased has been identified as Archana Dhiman, native of Himachal Pradesh and working for an international airlines.

She had come to visit her friend Adesh, a techie working in an IT company.

The two were reportedly in a relationship for the past few months, police claimed.

According to the police, the couple was partying at home and a few minutes later she fell from the balcony of the fourth floor and was found lying in a pool of blood.

Friend detained

The security and other residents shifted her to a nearby private hospital, where she was declared brought dead.

The Koramangala police have detained her friend for questioning to ascertain the cause of death.

Further probe

The police have informed the family of the deceased.

The officials are awaiting their arrival to record their statement based on which further investigations will be taken up, said C.K. Baba, DCP (South East Division).

Three held for burglary

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Koramangala police have arrested a gang of three, including a 26-year-old B,Tech, student studying in Gandhi Institute of Technology, Bhubaneswar, for breaking into the house of a city-based businessman and escaping with the valuables worth ₹70 lakh.

The businessman, Rakesh Harish Punjabi, who owned a optical shop and residing in Koramangala 3rd stage returned after 10 days to find the house was burgled.

Based on the complaint, the police swung into action and gathered technical details including the CCTV footage from in and around and call details before zeroing in on the accused. The prime accused being BTech student hailed from Bhadrak town in Odisha. The accused have been taken into custody to ascertain their criminal background, said C.K. Baba, DCP, South East division.

INBRIEF

Sahitya Akademi foundation Day lecture today

Sahitya Akademi, Southern Regional Office, Bengaluru, is organising a Foundation Day lecture to mark Sahitya Akademi's Foundation Day on Sunday. The lecture on 'Contribution of Sahitya Akademi to Society' will be delivered by eminent Kannada writer B.R. Jayaramaraje Urs. The programme will be held at B.M. Sri Smaraka Pratishtana, 3rd Main Road, N.R. Colony, from 4 p.m. onwards.

MAHE Bengaluru to Host Open House event today

Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE) Bengaluru will be organising an Open House event on Sunday, from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. at the MAHE Bengaluru campus in Yelahanka. Prospective students, parents, and anyone interested in higher education may visit the campus and know more about MAHE's educational programms and facilities, modern campus, and state-of-the-art amenities for students. For details, call 080-24494100 / 24494141 or visit www.manipal.edu/bengaluru.

Puppet festival at Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan from today

Infosys Foundation, Benglauru, in association with Bhratiya Vidya Bhavan, Bengaluru, will jointly present a seven-day Puppet festival titled *Navarasa* - festival of emotions from Sunday. The event will be going on till March 18.

As part of the festival, there will be a book exhibition, puppet exhibition, philatelic exhibition on puppetry by N. Sridevi and artist camp directed by G.S.B. Agnihotri. The puppet festival will be inaugurated by Scholar, Shatavadhani Dr. R Ganesh. The seven-day programme will be held at E.S.V. Auditorium, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan premises on Race Course Road. All the events will be webcasted on the 'BVB Bengaluru' and 'Bookbrahma' YouTube channels. Admission is free.

Car catches fire near Nayandahalli metro station

A car in the busy traffic near Nayandahalli metro station was gutted in an accidental fire on Friday afternoon. The driver noticed smoke from the engine and jumped out to safety before the fire broke out. A traffic police deployed nearby rushed to the spot and diverted the traffic before alerting the fire control room. A fire tender rushed to the spot and put out the fire.

Timings
BENGALURU

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RISE	22:36	SET 09:34
MONDAY, MAR. 13		
RISE	06:29	SET 18:30
RISE	23:34	SET 10:19
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RISE	06:28	SET 18:30
RISE	00:00	SET 11:10

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	32	22
Mysuru	33	17
Bengaluru	31	17

Bengaluru Today
31°C The weather will be dry. Morning will be slight cool with mist and haze. Day will be slight warm. Night also will be pleasant but hazy.

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Dhruvanarayan's death: Loss to people of Mysuru and Chamarajanagar; setback to Congress

He had represented the Chamarajanagar Lok Sabha seat twice and was looking forward keenly to contest the Assembly elections from Nanjangud (Reserved) constituency

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

The shocking death of Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) working president R. Dhruvanarayan, 61, in Mysuru on Saturday is not only a major setback to the party in Chamarajanagar-Mysuru region ahead of the Assembly elections but also a loss to the people of the region whose aspirations he sincerely strived to achieve.

The KPCC working president, who was an MLA for two terms and a two-term MP, died after complaining of chest pain. It is believed to have been preceded by a bleeding in the intestine since Friday night. The crowds that turned up at his residence in Vijayanagar in Mysuru from different parts of Chamarajanagar and Mysuru districts and their emotional reactions bore testimony to the connect Mr. Dhruvanarayan enjoyed with the people of the region.

The former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah paying his last respects to KPCC working president R. Dhruvanarayan in Mysuru on Saturday.
M.A. SRIRAM

A quintessential Congressman, Mr. Dhruvanarayan was easily an ambassador for the party in the region not only with his gentle demeanour and genuine concern for the poor and the weaker sections but also by identifying loopholes in the BJP administration and failures of the government.

Mr. Dhruvanarayan, who had studied MSc (Agriculture) in the University of Agricultural Sciences in Bengaluru, identified himself with the Congress before becoming a National Students' Union of India (NSUI) leader and the general secretary of the Youth Congress in Karnataka in the 1980s.

A follower of Union Minister from the region late M. Rajasekhar Murthy, Mr. Dhruvanarayan followed his leader into the BJP for a brief while in the early days of his career before returning to the Congress and remaining its loyal worker till his death.

One vote victory
After winning the Assembly elections from Santhemarahalli in 2004, famously by one vote, and from Kollegal in 2008, Mr. Dhruvanarayan won the Lok Sabha polls from Chamarajanagar constituency in 2009 and 2014.

Apart from taking up projects in education, health, irrigation, and infrastructure in the Chamarajanagar Lok Sabha constituency, which is among the most backward regions of the State, Mr. Dhruvanarayan was known to give his constituents a patient hearing. He is considered to have put in considerable efforts for the Government Law College, Dr. Ambedkar Post Graduate Centre (of University of Mysore), Government Medical College, and Kendriya Vidyalaya in Chamarajanagar, besides the development of the National Highway 766 connecting Kozhikode in Kerala with Kollegal in Karnataka.

Though he lost to the former Union Minister V. Srinivas Prasad of the BJP in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, even politicians from rival political parties do not hesitate to acknowledge Mr. Dhruvanarayan's contributions.

Mysuru MP Pratap Simha, while recalling his association with Mr. Dhruvanarayan, acknowledged his efforts to set up Morarji Desai residential schools in several parts of Chamarajanagar districts, besides the development of NH 766.

Not of any faction
A loyal Congressman, Mr. Dhruvanarayan did not belong to any faction of the party. He was as respected by the former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah as he was by KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar.

As one of five working presidents of the KPCC, in charge of eight districts in southern Karnataka, Mr. Dhruvanarayan was well-versed with the party organisation in the region and was literally the go-to man during the party's Bharat Jodo Yatra when it passed through Gundlupet-Nanjangud-Mysuru region.

Mr. Dhruvanarayan also looking forward keenly to contest the Assembly elections from Nanjangud (Reserved) constituency. Also in the race for the party's nomination from the constituency was the former Minister H.C. Mahadevappa.

Condolences
Several leaders across political parties, including the former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, Congress MP Rahul Gandhi, Mr. Siddaramaiah, and Mr. Shivakumar, condoled the demise of Mr. Dhruvanarayan.

Can the BJP turn the tide in Southern Karnataka?

Laiqh A. Khan
MYSURU

One of the Vijay Sankalpa Yatras of the BJP criss-crossing election-bound Karnataka is presently winding its way through the southern districts of the State - Chamarajanagar, Mysuru, Mandya, and Hassan -that have historically remained lukewarm, at best, in its response to the overtures of the saffron party and proved to be its Achilles heel.

Karnataka Votes 2023

With the party leadership identifying southern Karnataka, particularly Chamarajanagar, Mysuru, Mandya, Hassan, Ramanagara, and Bengaluru Rural districts as the weakest link in its efforts to secure a majority on its own in the Assembly, the BJP appears to have increased its focus and energies on the region.

The BJP is keen to build a tempo for its poll campaign in Mandya using Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit on Sunday, that comes two days after actor-turned Mandya MP Sumalatha Ambareesh expressed her support to the party.

In the past, barring stray victories, the BJP had found itself stacked against heavy odds in successive elections in this Vokkaliga heartland. Concerted efforts have been made by the party to reach out to the community in the run-up to the elections, significant among them being installation of a massive Kempe Gowda statue at the Bengaluru international airport, which was unveiled by the Prime Minister.

Three-cornered contest
Notwithstanding the grandstanding by its leaders, the saffron party will face an uphill task in its efforts to breach the bastions of influence traditional rivals Janata Dal (S) and Congress enjoy in the region. Unlike most other parts of the State, where it has to lock horns with the Congress, the BJP will also have to contend with a vibrant Janata Dal (S) here.

Former Minister G.T. Deve Gowda's decision to remain in the Janata Dal (S) has belied the BJP's hopes of a "big ticket" entry to the party fold, which could have given it the much-needed shot in the arm ahead of the Assembly elections. Speculations are also rife that Minister for Youth Empowerment and Sports K.C. Narayana Gowda, BJP MLA for K.R. Pet, is also considering a proposal to quit the party and contest the elections on Congress ticket.

BJP's performance in 2018 Assembly polls in South Karnataka districts

Chamarajanagar	
Total seats – 4, BJP – 1	
Mysuru	
Total – 11, BJP - 3	
Hassan	
Total – 7, BJP – 1	
Mandya	
Total – 7, BJP - 0	
Ramanagara	
Total – 4, BJP - 0	
Bengaluru Rural	
Total 4, BJP - 0	

* During the December 2019 bypolls in K.R. Pet in Mandya district and Hunsur in Mysuru district, the BJP won K.R. Pet and lost Hunsur.

However, the decision of Kollegal MLA N. Mahesh --- who had won the 2019 Assembly elections as a BSP candidate --- to identify himself with the BJP comes as a consolation in Chamarajanagar district.

Modi blitzkrieg
Now, soon after the Vijay Sankalpa Yatra, launched by BJP president J.P. Nadda on March 1 at M.M. Hills, passed through the Vokkaliga-dominated districts of Mysuru, Mandya, and Hassan, the Prime Minister is set to visit Mandya. He will not only inaugurate the much-publicised 10-lane expressway, but also address a public rally at Gejjalagere in the district and hold a grand roadshow in Mandya on Sunday.

However, an immediate challenge before the BJP is identifying winnable candidates in many of the Assembly constituencies. Though a BJP leader said there were aspirants in almost all the constituencies, the senior leadership should have permitted them to begin campaigning early so that they can get a head start.

Modi inaugurating 'half-baked' highway for publicity: Surjewala

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

AICC general secretary Randeep Singh Surjewala on Saturday alleged that the "corrupt BJP government in Karnataka" was desperately adopting every publicity stunt to stay afloat by going ahead with the inauguration of the "half-baked" Bengaluru-Mysuru National Highway as the last ditch effort by "BJP's sinking ship" at the cost of public safety.

He posed a series of questions and demanded answers on the status of the highway set to to inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday.

'Desperation'
In a press statement here, he said Mr. Modi, as also the State BJP government, need to answer for many things, including the desperation for inaugurating an incomplete National Highway (NH), risking

Randeep Singh Surjewala

commuters' lives. He cited what he termed "the brazen profiteering from Kannadigas from toll collection, defective road design, blocking the natural flow of water, absence of flood control measures and the huge injustice to farmers in terms of inaccessibility to their own land".

He stated that in 2002, the Congress government had upgraded the two-lane State Highway to four-lane and allowed it to function toll-free. On March 4, 2014, the Congress government headed by Manmohan Singh (at the instance of the Congress government in the State) notified the Bengaluru-Mysuru State Highway as National Highway. "The cost of construction of NH has gone up from ₹6,420 crore to ₹10,000 crore. Will the Prime Minister answer the reason for the doubling of the cost of the NH?" the Congress leader asked.

Flooding problem
In August 2022, the highway was massively flooded at Kumbalgod, Channapatna, and Ramanagara as the natural flow of water was blocked. Even the flow of water for irrigation of farmlands on both sides of the NH had been blocked, he pointed out.

"This flooding will happen over and over again in every rainy season," Mr. Surjewala claimed. "Why is the Prime Minister inaugurating a National Highway without appropriate flood-control measures and ensuring appropriate irrigation facilities for farmers on both sides?" he asked.

"MPs of Mandya and Mysuru have deliberately shut their eyes to this man-made disaster created by the BJP," Mr. Surjewala said.

Restrictions in place

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

Vehicular movement restrictions have been imposed on the Bengaluru-Mysuru expressway on Sunday in view of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit. No vehicles will be allowed from 7 a.m. onwards on Sunday and only service vehicles carrying essential goods will be allowed to ply on the service road till 9 a.m., according to a note from the Information Department, Mandya.

Alternative routes for the movement of vehicles between Mysuru and Bengaluru have been notified.

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, VIJAYAPURA
Phone No.: 08352-276996, Fax: 08352-276984, Website:www.vijayapura.uda.gov.in
No.: N.Pra.vi/Civic/Amenity/Publication/2022-23/1799 Date:10.03.2023

REGARDING ALLOTMENT OF CIVIC FACILITY PLOTS ON LEASE BASICS NOTIFICATION

The following civic amenity plots reserved by the Vijayapur. Urban Development Authority Vijayapur. Authority will be allotted to various associations and government offices on a thirty-year lease basis in accordance with the Karnataka. Urban Development Authority (Allotment of civic amenity plots) Rules 1991. Associations/Organization, Government/Non-Government Departments desiring to acquire the said plots can apply only for purpose shown in the Notification in the prescribed format along with registration fee and initial deposit to be paid for plots of various sizes.

Application for allotment of civic facility plots can be made in prescribed from 1&2 with an initial deposit of 50% of the civic plot. The default living fee payable for the premises is given in Column (7).

The Commissioner Urban Development Authority Vijayapur. Shall submit the prescribed form 1 & 2 only after Verifying the documents regarding the existence of the association / organization in the authority Available in his office from 10.03.2023 to 20.03.2023 on payment of Rs. 200/- during office hours.

Filled 1 and 2 along with prescribed registration fee and initial deposit can be submitted on date: 27.03.2023 by 5.00 PM in case the last day of application is declared as a casual Holiday by government, The next day will be considered as the last day of application, sent after the prescribed time or with incorrect and incurred information will be rejected.

A copy with more information and details can be obtained by contacting the officer of the authority during office hours. The final decision on allotment of plots is subject to the discretion of the Authority.

Details of plots to be allotted on Lease basics of Thirty Years for Civic Amenity Sites

S.No	Sy. No.	Plot No.	Sq. Mtr	Sq. Feet	Registration Fee	Opening Deposit 50%	Total Lease Amount	Purpose	Location of Site
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	M.Bagayat 923/I	62	259.56	2793.95	7,000/-	6,28,500/-	12,57,000/-	Bank	Near Adavi Shankaralinga Temple
2	Navarasapur 37/a/10 K.J.P.NO.37/O	02	611.19	6578.85	7,000/-	14,80,000/-	29,60,000/-	Hostel	Athani Road Right Side
3	Navarasapur 33/R K.J.P.NO. 33/X	01	871.07	9376.19	7,000/-	21,10,000/-	42,20,000/-	Education	Athani Road Right Side
4	Rambapur 111/5 K.J.P.NO.111/b	49	694.97	7480.65	7,000/-	16,83,000/-	33,66,000/-	Hospital	Ukkali Road Left Side
5	Rambapur 105/b	220	874.68	9415.05	7,000/-	21,18,500/-	42,37,000/-	Education	Ukkali Road Left Side
6	Bhutanal 147/E	27	358.20	3855.66	7,000/-	8,67,500/-	17,35,000/-	Bank	Near Sukun Layout
7	Kasaba 298/2 K.J.P.NO.298/k	36	610.00	6566.04	7,000/-	14,77,500/-	29,55,000/-	Office Building	Banglore Road Left Side
8	M.Bagayat 644/C	21	417.95	4498.89	7,000/-	10,12,250/-	20,24,500/-	Education	Near Redio Kendra
9	Inapur 55/2/1+2 K.J.P.NO.55/b	31	867.97	9343.00	7,000/-	21,02,000/-	42,04,000/-	Community Hall	Sindagi Road Right Side
10	Bhutanal 93/B	37	410.75	4421.31	7,000/-	9,95,000/-	19,90,000/-	Office Building	Solapur Road Right Side
11	M.Bagayat 954/e, 954/p	34 08	126.33 692.00	1359.81 7448.68	7,000/-	3,06,000/- 16,76,000/-	6,12,000/- 33,52,000/-	Education	Sai Park
12	Navarasapur 45/B	51	6029.41	64900.56	7,000/-	1,46,00,000/-	2,92,00,000/-	Education	Athani Road Left Side
13	M.Bagayat 1001/B	37	878.47	9455.85	7,000/-	21,27,500/-	42,55,000/-	Education	Jumnal Road
14	M.Bagayat 1001/k	41	657.28	7074.96	7,000/-	15,92,000/-	31,84,000/-	Education	Jumnal Road
15	M.Bagayat 697/B	201	2745.61	29553.74	7,000/-	66,50,000/-	1,33,00,000/-	Education	Atalatti Right Side
16	M.Bagayat 24/E	17	445.00	4789.00	7,000/-	10,77,500/-	21,55,000/-	Dharmik	Lingad Road
17	M.Bagayat 961/*/3 K.J.P.NO.961/c	99	477.00	5134.42	7,000/-	11,55,250/-	23,10,500/-	Education	Sai Park
18	M.Bagayat 440	140	201.50	2168.95	7,000/-	4,88,000/-	9,76,000/-	Dharmik	Ram Nagar
19	M.Bagayat 440	141	829.62	8930.03	7,000/-	20,09,200/-	40,18,500/-	Education	Ram Nagar
20	M.Bagayat490/B	51	800.00	8611.20	7,000/-	19,37,500/-	38,75,000/-	Dharmik	Shankar Math
21	M.Bagayat490/B	52	700.00	7534.80	7,000/-	16,95,500/-	33,91,000/-	Dharmik	Shankar Math
22	Navarasapur 37/U	02	347.51	3740.93	7,000/-	8,41,750/-	16,83,500/-	Bank	Athani Road Right Side
23	Rambapur 106/b	01	2531.72	27251.43	7,000/-	61,31,500/-	1,22,63,000/-	Education	Ukkali Road Left Side
24	M.Bagayat 60/L	34	367.24	3953.04	7,000/-	8,89,500/-	17,79,000/-	Office Building	Solapur Road Left Side
25	M.Bagayat923/E	89	804.74	8662.26	7,000/-	19,49,000/-	38,98,000/-	Nursing Home	Adavi Shankrling
26	M.Bagayat955/b	39	987.98	10634.81	7,000/-	23,92,500/-	47,85,000/-	Community Hall	Sai Park
27	M.Bagayat 71/k, 71/k	29 03	252.74 1499.47	2720.46 16140.34	7,000/- 7,000/-	6,12,000/- 36,31,500/-	12,24,000/- 72,63,000/-	Community Hall	Solapur Road Left Side
28	M.Bagayat 73/k, 73/D	21 01	254.37 262.00	2738.00 2820.16	7,000/- 7,000/-	6,16,000/- 6,34,500/-	12,32,000/- 12,69,000/-	Nursing Home	Siddarud Math
29	M.Bagayat 952/G	42	506.00	5444.56	7,000/-	12,25,000/-	24,50,000/-	Community Hall	Bangalore Road Right Side
30	M.Bagayath 102/B	118 119 120	575.97 809.99 809.99	6199.77 8718.75 8718.75	7,000/- 7,000/- 7,000/-	13,95,000/- 19,62,000/- 19,62,000/-	27,90,000/- 39,24,000/- 39,24,000/-	Education	Ashram Road Left Side

Sd/- Commissioner,
Shankargoud.S.Somnal,
Urban Development Authority, Vijayapura.

Sd/- President,
Dr. Vijaymahantesh.B.Danammanawar,
Urban Development Authority, Vijayapura.

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CEC says State agencies lagging in stopping freebie distribution; officials told to crack the whip

Election Commission to keep a strict vigil on distribution of money through online wallets in the run-up to Assembly elections in the State; any bulk transfer of amount from one account to come under the scanner

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Acknowledging that a major concern in Karnataka is the use of money power, Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Rajiv Kumar on Saturday said that while the Election Commission was prepared in terms of physical infrastructure, the State agencies were lagging behind in regulating the distribution of freebies.

Addressing media persons in Bengaluru after a three-day review of preparedness for the Assembly polls, the CEC said, "While we are prepared in terms of physical infrastructure, the preparedness and initiative of the State agencies in regulating the distribution of freebies was negative."

Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar at a press conference in Bengaluru on Friday. SUDHAKARA JAIN

IPC sections

"There is a notion among officials that the model code of conduct (MCC) has not come into force as yet and hence they have no powers to regulate such practices. But, I have told them not to wait for a "muhurat" of the MCC. They should extensively use sections 171B and 171E of the Indian Penal Code that clearly mention that giving gratification to someone with the objective of inducing him or stopping him to exercise any electoral right is punishable," the CEC said.

Replying to queries, the CEC said a combination of the legal framework and artificial intelligence-based information would be used to ensure free, fair, and inducement-free elections.

"We have had meetings with multiple enforcement agencies. We have directed them to ensure that illegal and irregular use or inflow of any freebies, money or liquor should be strictly guarded and not allowed," he said.

"A strict watch will also be kept on warehouses, godowns, wherever freebies can be possibly stored or distributed from," Mr. Kumar said. Besides, expenditure-sensitive constituencies were being mapped and strict vigil would be kept over inter-State border check- posts.

"Citizens can report any kind of electoral malpractices to the EC through the cVigil App. For every complaint, there will be a response in 100 minutes," Mr. Kumar said.

To check illegal movement of cash, the CEC said vans of banks carrying cash for ATMs would not be allowed to move between 5 p.m. and 10 a.m. as many times these vans were also used to transport illegal cash.

The air intelligence unit would keep a watch on unscheduled chartered flights and helicopters to check illegal transport of election freebies and cash, he said.

Fiat to banks on any suspicious transactions

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar said they would keep a strict watch on online bribery or distribution of money through wallets.

"Any bulk transfer of amount from one account will come under the scanner. Bribery to voters is a disturbing trend and against the principles of ethics," he said.

He said all banks had been instructed to keep a watch in their own way and through their own systems.

"If they notice any transaction that is suspicious, systems have been put in place to generate feeds and inform the enforcement agency. Also, using artificial intelligence, the movement of goods which can be seen from e-way bills and from excess consumption in the State beyond the average consumption, will also be used as alerts," the Chief Election Commissioner said.

Social media cells to be set up

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

This time, the EC will set up social media cells to handle fake narratives and misinformation campaigns on social media, the CEC said.

"Apart from voter apathy, especially urban voters, fake narratives and misinformation campaigns on social media pose a huge challenge that influences voters to stay away from voting. We are conscious of this and hence will set up social media cells to prevent such campaigns. The issue will be escalated to the quick response teams for immediate resolution," Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar said.

Vote-from-home facility for citizens above 80, persons with disabilities

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In the coming Assembly elections in Karnataka, for the first time, people aged above 80 and persons with disabilities (PwDs) can vote from the comfort of their homes if they are unable to go out to exercise their franchise.

The Election Commission (EC) on Saturday announced that it has introduced a vote-from-home (VFH) facility for the 12.15 lakh people aged above 80 (including 16,976 centenarians) and 5.55 lakh benchmarked PwDs in the Assembly elections in Karnataka. The State has a total of 5.21 crore voters.

Addressing mediapersons after a three-day review of poll-preparedness in Karnataka, Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Rajiv Kumar said, "For the first time, the EC will provide this facility. Our teams will go to the homes of those who desire to vote from their home with a form 12D (which will be available within five days of the election notification) and facilitate the exercise of their franchise."

"Although we encourage those above 80 years to come to the polling station and vote in the festival of democracy, those who cannot, can avail of this facility. All precautions will be taken to ensure the secrecy of their votes and the entire process will be videographed. All political parties and candidates will be informed whenever there is a movement for VFH," the CEC said.

He said senior citizens and PwDs would be given facilities of wheelchairs and volunteers at polling stations, priority in voting, pick up/drop and a dedicated parking facility. A mobile Saksham PwD application has been developed to facilitate services at polling stations and Braille ballot facility for the visually impaired, the CEC said.

First-time voters

Over 9.17 lakh first-time voters are expected to participate in the elections this time in Karnataka. Also, under the Advance Application Facility, over 1.25 lakh applications have been received from youth aged above 17, out of which around 41,000 youth are turning 18 by April 1, 2023, he said.

"For inclusive and participative elections, the commission has done 100% enrolment of eligible (above 18 years) particularly vulnerable tribal groups (PVTGs) in Karnataka. While 40 ethnic polling stations will be set up for the PVTGs, special emphasis is also on the participation of third-gender persons in the election process. Of the 42,756 transgender persons in the State, we have enrolled 41,312," the CEC said.

As many as 58,282 polling stations are being set up in the 224 constituencies and the average voter per polling station is 883. Talking about assured minimum facilities, the CEC said, "This time we are making sure infrastructure (toilets to be set up in schools) will be permanent. This will be an election gift to students."

Asserting that urban apathy is a cause of concern, he said four electoral districts in Bengaluru, India's IT hub, had the lowest voter turnout in the 2013 and 2018 Assembly elections, much less than the State average. "This trend has also been noticed in the Assembly elections in Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh," he said.

In numbers

Total voters: **5,21,73,579**	Total number of polling stations: **58,282**
Male: **2,62,42,561** / Female: **2,59,26,319**	Urban polling stations: **24,063**
Voters aged above 80: **12,15,763**	Rural polling stations: **34,210**
Centenarian voters: **16,976**	Average voter per polling station: **883**
Voters with disabilities: **5,55,073**	Women-managed polling stations: **1,320**
First-time voters: **9,17,241**	Youth-managed polling stations: **224**
Service electors: **47,779**	Ethnic polling stations: **40**
Third gender voters: **4,699**	
Transgender voters: **41,312**	
Voters from particularly vulnerable tribal groups: **30,517**	

Use of funds for Kalyana Karnataka Utsava termed 'against rules'

Sharat S. Srivatsa
BENGALURU

While Kalyana Karnataka Utsava was celebrated in Kalaburagi recently with much aplomb, with Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and other Ministers in attendance, it has now emerged that use of funds for the event has been termed "against rules" .

While ₹4 crore had been drawn from the interest accrued on government funds in the bank to organise the festival, the Planning Department has taken objection stating that it had violated an earlier Finance Department order.

Planning and Statistics Department sought an explanation from the Kalyana Karnataka Region Development Board (KKRDB), for which its secretary Anirudh Shravan has responded. The KKRDB-sponsored three-day utsava was held from February 24.

Government sources said that the money should have been spent on projects or schemes instead of for the festival. The region hosts Hampi festival, Bidar festival, Kampli festival, and Ballari festival.

A file photo of a tableau at the cultural procession of Kalyana Karnataka Utsava in Kalaburagi.

Planning Dept. has taken exception to ₹4 crore being used from the interest accrued on govt. funds, meant for various projects, in the bank

The 2019 order

In 2019, the Finance Department had said that the interest accrued on funds released with its approval and transferred to the bank were being diverted. It had asked departments, boards, corporation and cooperative institutions, among others, to compulsorily credit the interest to accounts opened under the interest head for accounting purposes. While seeking an explanation, the Planning and Statistic Department has pointed out to the order of the Finance Department.

Earlier in 2018, the Planning Department had approved utilisation of funds accrued from interest towards approved works or schemes, on a request by the KKRDB. Officials, however, point out that the Finance Department's order came in 2019, which will be overriding the earlier approvals, as it covered boards and corporations too. Government sources said the Finance Department's 2019 order was issued for all, including the KKRDB.

Further, fresh approvals had to be taken from the government before diverting funds, sources said.

Justification

In his response, Mr. Shravan cited the 2018 order that allowed the board to utilise the interest accrued on funds released for projects to justify the utilisation of ₹4 crore for the utsava.

He pointed out that there had been no specific order from the Finance Department to the KKRDB not to utilise the interest amount, and that the 2018 order that allowed interest amount to be used for approved works had not been withdrawn. Mr. Shravan said that the funding for the utsava had been added to the action plan, which was approved by KKRDB chairman Dattatreya Patil Revoor in the board meeting on February 17.

Ex-Minister A. Manju joins JD(S)

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Former Minister A. Manju formally joined Janata Dal (S) on Friday in the presence of party supremo H.D. Deve Gowda and other leaders, including former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy.

Mr. Manju had earlier announced his decision and also that he would contest from the Arkalgud Assembly constituency on the JD(S) ticket in the coming elections. Mr. Manju, who was Minister for Animal Husbandry in the Siddaramaiah-led Congress government, lost the election in 2018. He joined the BJP and ran for the Hassan Lok Sabha seat in 2019, but was defeated by JD(S) candidate Prajwal Revanna.

A. Manju joining the Janata Dal (S) in the presence of H.D. Deve Gowda and other leaders on Saturday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

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E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTIFICATION
No. 24/2022-23, Dated : 09-03-2023

On Behalf of Governor of Karnataka, The Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Dept, Chamarajanagara Division, **Chamarajanagar** Invites from eligible General / SC / ST Category Contractors (Category of Contractors will be as per E-procurement Portal) for the execution of **2022-23 JJM works of Chamarajanagara Taluk (14 Packages), Gundlupete Taluk (14 Packages) in Chamarajanagara District under JJM.** The eligible Class-IV & Above for SC / ST Category Civil Contractors and Class-III & Above for General Category Contractor (Note: Category of Contractor to be procured in the bid document) are required to submit through E-Procurement portal **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** The Notification includes **28** Packages/Works of Estimated Cost varying from **Rs. 15.31 Lakhs** to **Rs. 90.30 Lakhs.** Tenders are invited through E-procurement Portal only.

Date & Time of Publication of Tender	10-03-2023 Onwards
Last date of Submission of bids	16-03-2023 @ 16:00 hrs
Date & Time of opening of Technical Bids	17-03-2023 @ 17:00 hrs
Date & Time of opening of Financial Bids	After Successful Technical Bid Evaluation

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
RDW & S Department, Chamarajanagara Division, Chamarajanagara.
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GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
DIRECTORATE OF BACKWARD CLASSES WELFARE
CHEPAUK, CHENNAI - 600 005

Tender Notice No.02 / 2023 **Dated: 10.03.2023**

TENDER NOTICE - INVITING TENDERS UNDER FIXED RATE CONTRACT FROM MANUFACTURERS OF BICYCLES FOR SCHOOL GIRLS AND BOYS WITHIN INDIA

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, Sealed Tenders are invited under fixed rate contract for the supply of School Girl's and Boy's Bi-cycles under Two Cover System by the undersigned from reputed Bi-cycle Manufacturing Firms within the Union of India producing Bi-cycles conforming to IS Specifications (IS No. 10613: 2014) as specified in the Tender Document and having valid ISO certification and capacity to deliver the Bi-cycles as per the requirements.

DETAILS OF TENDER

Tender Number	**02/2023**
Description of item	Procurement of approximately **446152** numbers of School Boys Bi-cycles and **586440** numbers of School Girls Bi-cycles. Total **1032592** number of bi-cycles to be supplied for the year 2022-23 & 2023-24
Period of supply	90 days from the date of receipt of Purchase Order.
Earnest Money Deposit	Rs.1,20,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore and Twenty Lakh only)
Sale of Tender Document	From office of the undersigned from **13.03.2023 to 07.04.2023** between 10.00 A.M. and 3.00 P.M. on any working day. Alternatively Tender Documents can also be downloaded free of cost from the website **www.tenders.tn.gov.in** from **13.03.2023 to 10.04.2023**
Cost of tender Document	Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five thousand only) + GST applicable
Due date, time and Place for submission of Tender along with sample bi-cycles	Upto **5.00 P.M.** on **10.04.2023** Room of **Deputy Director,** Directorate of Backward Classes Welfare, Ezhilagam Annex building (Second Floor) Chepauk, Chennai - 600005.
Date and Time of opening of Tender	**10.04.2023 at 5.30 P.M.**

DEPUTY DIRECTOR,
DIRECTORATE OF BACKWARD CLASSES WELFARE,
Chepauk, Chennai-5.
DIPR/1644/Tender/2023

"சோதனை கடந்து சுதந்திரம் அடைந்தோம், சாதனை புரிந்து சரித்திரம் படைப்போம்".

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH

16.02.1960 - 07.03.2023

With profound grief we inform the untimely death of **V.R.SRINIVASA RAGHAVAN**, Retd. BSES, New Delhi. Obsequies to be performed at Bengaluru.

Contact : 9871693055
sudhar82003@yahoo.com.

DEATH

OBITUARY

Shri R. VISWANATHAN (RV, Visu)
(89 Years)
Ex-Scientist CECRI, Ex-Consultant R&D, TAFE-PS

Authored English Translation of several spiritual books viz.
Sundara Kandam, Ganesha Puranam, Sri Ramana Maharshi, Aadhi Sankarar, etc.
Passed away peacefully on 08.03.2023
Deeply mourned by
Suganthi and Charu (Daughters)
Ratirupa and Shveta (Grand-daughters)
Vishy and Ram (Sons in law)
Phone: 9884357612

Government of Karnataka
Public Works Department, Udupi Division, Udupi. (PIU)
Website: https://www.kpwd.gov.in Email:eepwdudp02@gmail.com
No EE/PWD/UDN/NIT/84/2022-23/AE-2 Dated:10.03.2023

Short Term Tender Notice

The Tender for the following works are invited through e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka (Viz.www.eproc. karnataka.gov.in)

Sl.No	Name of Work	Amount put to tender (in Rs.)	EMD (in Rs)	Last date of Submission of tender in Eprocurment	Eligible Tenderer
1.	Improvement of Aluru Heruru Kalthodu Yalajith MDR road from Km. 5.80 to 10.80 in Byndoor Taluk of Udupi District. (PWR28032) (165771)	Rs. 3,86,04,987.00	Rs.6,83,400.00	18.03.23	CLASS-II and above K-PWD
2.	Construction of Sabhabhavana building at Karkala city in Karkala Taluk, Udupi District. (1.No:166693)	Rs. 1,65,23,797.00	Rs.2,92,500.00	18.03.23	CLASS-III and above K-PWD

Executive Engineer
Public Works Department, Udupi Division, Udupi

Red-hot summer picture leaves Kerala weary

Data from automatic weather stations show that the heat has risen alarmingly in some places in the State, with temperature crossing 40 degrees Celsius at a few stations, while manual observatories show maximum temperature hovering between 35 degrees Celsius and 38 degrees Celsius

Dhinesh Kallungal
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Hardly two weeks into March, the summer is making its presence felt with temperature rising steadily across Kerala. But data from the India Meteorological Department (IMD) paint a different picture in Kerala.

According to data from the manual observatories of the IMD, there is a steady increasing trend in temperature in all stations, although not alarming, with the average highest maximum temperature hovering between 35 degrees Celsius and 38 degrees Celsius. But data from the newly installed automatic weather stations show that temperature has crept up alarmingly at some places, several notches above the average daily temperature for the season by early March, with temperature crossing 40 degrees Celsius at some stations. This happens at the peak of summer but is rare.

According to data from the manual observatories, the highest maximum day temperature was reported in Kottayam and Kannur last week – 38 degrees Celsius in Kottayam on March 8, 37.6 degrees Celsius in Kannur on March 5 and 8, and 37.5 degrees Celsius in Kottayam on March 10. Whereas data from the automatic stations show that the temperature has crossed 40 degrees Celsius in Kannur, Ernakulam and 39 degree Celsius in a slew of stations in the past one week. K. Santhosh, Director, IMD, Thiruvananthapuram, said the IMD had been officially recording the temperature data from manual observatories so far. It would start officially recording data from the automatic stations only after a certain period as data had to be validated after quality check.

"It will take some time to complete the process and errors, if any, have to be fixed," said Mr. Santhosh.

However, senior IMD scientists said there were likely to be some marginal errors in data from manual observatories compared to data from the automatic stations. For instance, the response time was relatively less in automatic stations as the sensors could record the temperature variation in less than 30 seconds. On the other hand, the response time in the traditional mercury thermometers installed at manual observatories was significantly high.

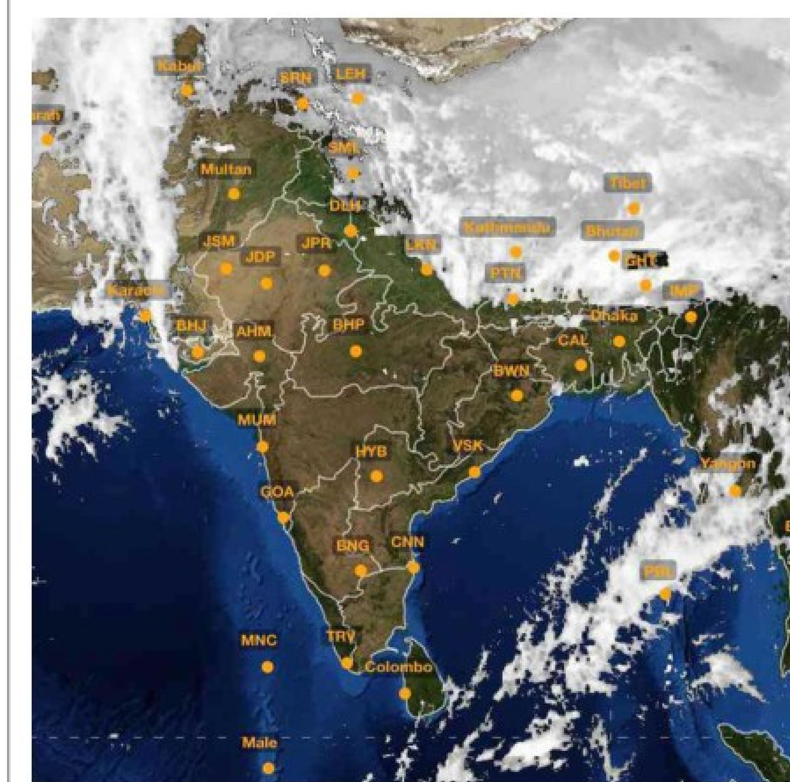
On Saturday, a meeting chaired by Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan called for setting up *thaneer pandals* (water kiosks) in all local bodies and commercial streets across the State. Addressing the heads of departments and District Collectors at the meeting called by Kerala State Disaster Management Authority, the Chief Minister suggested that the kiosks should be set up in the next two weeks and maintained till May.

Contrasting figures

Station	Maximum temp	Day
Manual observatories		
Kottayam	38°C 37.5°C	March 9 March 10
Kannur	37.6°C	March 5 & 8
Automatic weather stations		
Choondi, Ernakulam	40.1°C	March 10
Irikkur, Kannur	40.2°C	March 9
Kannur airport	40.6°C 41.6°C	March 10 March 9
Poonjar, Kottayam	39.4°C	March 11
Vadavathoor, Kottayam	39.7°C	March 9
Mannarkkad, Palakkad	39.7°C	March 11
Athirappilly, Thrissur	39.5°C	March 11

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Sunday: Thunderstorm accompanied with lightning likely at isolated places over Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Gilgit-Baltistan and Muzaffarabad

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	32.6	19.0	Kozhikode	—	36.4	25.0
Ahmedabad	—	38.0	18.6	Kurnool	—	37.5	21.2
Aizawl	—	33.7	12.0	Lucknow	—	32.0	17.5
Allahabad	—	34.0	16.4	Madurai	—	35.1	22.8
Bengaluru	—	31.8	17.0	Mangaluru	—	35.0	21.6
Bhopal	—	33.0	16.0	Mumbai	—	38.5	23.0
Bhubaneswar	—	36.3	21.4	Mysuru	—	33.1	17.2
Chandigarh	—	29.6	14.8	New Delhi	—	32.3	14.9
Chennai	—	32.5	23.4	Patna	—	33.6	18.6
Coimbatore	—	33.7	21.4	Port Blair	—	32.4	24.0
Dehradun	—	30.2	15.0	Puducherry	—	33.0	21.0
Gangtok	—	19.9	11.5	Pune	—	35.0	19.0
Goa	—	36.0	21.4	Raipur	—	35.8	21.1
Guwahati	—	34.6	17.2	Ranchi	1	31.4	16.6
Hubballi	—	36.0	20.0	Shillong	—	23.6	11.5
Hyderabad	—	32.7	21.0	Shimla	—	19.4	8.8
Imphal	—	30.5	14.0	Srinagar	—	23.4	3.4
Jaipur	—	32.2	17.3	Thiruvananthapuram	—	34.2	24.5
Kochi	—	32.4	26.4	Tiruchi	—	34.9	22.4
Kohima	—	21.8	10.2	Vijayawada	—	33.7	23.2
Kolkata	—	31.6	22.2	Visakhapatnam	—	33.0	23.8

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	..	..	.20	204	173	Poor
Bengaluru	3	.50	.26	83	109	Moderate
Chennai	.25	.40	.67	157	111	Moderate
Delhi	.11	.28	.38	303	200	Poor
Hyderabad	5	.54	.45	154	145	Moderate
Kolkata	.12	.52	.72	126	126	Moderate
Lucknow	.31	.53	.31	225	159	Poor
Mumbai	.83	272	101	128	135	Poor
Pune	.98	138	114	244	142	Poor
Visakhapatnam	.18	.43	.52	105	134	Moderate

Yesterday
In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Dindigul, Tamil Nadu recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 346 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Damoh, Madhya Pradesh recorded a healthy AQI score of 28

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Shobha forging her equations with national leadership

ANALYSIS

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Union Minister Shobha Karandlaje has broken away from the pack of Karnataka BJP leaders in a post-Yediyurappa scenario, a fact made clear by the announcement that she will be heading the BJP's election management committee for Karnataka polls and as also a member of the campaign committee.

The election management committee is key in terms of candidate selection and poll strategy, its leadership is a position of trust with regard to the BJP high command. Apart from signalling that the BJP wants to right-size its equations with the Vokkaliga community (to which Ms. Karandlaje belongs and is the other dominant community in Karnataka after Lingayats), it has also triggered speculation that she may get a more important leadership role in the State unit of the BJP post poll.

The dual charge has underscored that Ms. Karandlaje, 56, often identified only as a close supporter of former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa, has made the decisive shift in having her own equations with the national leadership.

Sources in the BJP told *The Hindu*, that the two-term MP from Udupi-Chikmagalur has forged her own equations in New Delhi as was first apparent when she was made a Minister of State in the second Narendra Modi government, a move that had very little to do with Mr. Yediyurappa. "Her appointment as head of the election management committee, and as a member of the campaign committee is first of all an acknowledgement that despite all-out efforts to woo the Lingayat community, who may have been miffed at Yediyurappa's sacking as Chief Minister in 2021, the party is keen to balance matters with the Vokkaliga community as well," said a senior office-bearer of the party.

That Shobha Karandlaje was a good organiser came to the notice of the BJP leadership, which resulted in her being given additional responsibilities. FILE PHOTO

"We are paying the price as any party whose support base is limited to a big dominant community, we need to broad-base, especially with Yediyurappa retiring after these Assembly polls," added the source.

Ms. Karandlaje, sources said, is a good organizer and is popular with party workers, something that slowly came to the notice of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah. "The prism of viewing her from a factional politics point of view was slowly replaced, the high command saw that unlike other leaders, she was not shy about hitting the streets with the karyakartas on party work. We (BJP) have few good Vokkaliga leaders and she fits the bill," said the source.

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Office of the Executive Engineer, Hemavathy Dam Division, Gorur Hassan District.

Short Term Tender Notification No:36/2022-23
Date: 10.03.2023

The Executive Engineer, CNNL.,Hemavathy Dam Division, Gorur-573120 Hassan Taluk, Hassan Dist., As Per KW-4, invited Item rate Short term tender (Two cover) through e- procurement only vide No.36/2022-23, Date:10.03.2023on behalf of the Managing Director, CNNL, Bangalore from the eligible contractors of PWD Class-II and above of any State /Central Government /Public Sector organization. Details:-1 work, approximate amount Rs.284.34 Lakhs, EMD as Prescribed in e-portal, The contractor can have access e-tender documents from 14.03.2023 to 21.03.2023 through website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in on payment (Non Refundable) of transaction fees as fixed by E – portal (2)Opening of Technical bid 23.03.2023 at 10.00 AM onwards. (if possible) For further information etc.,contact in the undersigned office during working hours or through website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in (Department).

Sd/- Executive Engineer, CNNL, Hemavathy Dam Division, Gorur
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RURAL DRINKING WATER & SANITATION DEPARTMENT, KOLAR

E-Procurement Short-term Tender Notification No.34/2022-23, Dated:02.03.2023

On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, Rural Drinking Water Supply & Sanitation Department invites tender for the scheme of Jal Jeevan Mission (Functional household tap connection) 2022-23 of Kolar, Bangarpet, Malur, Mulbagal & Srinivasapur, Taluks, of Kolar District. Item rate tenders by two cover system through e-Procurement portal. Those who have registered in PWD/CPWD (Government of Karnataka) are eligible in participation of tendering for more details visit website:**https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** Last date for online submission of Bid is: **16.03.2023 up to 17.30 hours.**

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ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್‌ರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ
ವಾರಾಹಿ ಯೋಜನಾ ವಿಭಾಗ
ಸಿದ್ದಾಪುರ, ಉಡುಪಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ 576229.

ಕಛೇರಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಕಾಇಂ/ಕನೀನಿನಿ/ವಾಯೋವಿ/ಪಿಬಿ/ಟೆಂಡರ್/57/2022-23/1890 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 10.03.2023

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ
(ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ವೇದಿಕೆ) (Two tender document system)

ವಾರಾಹಿ ಯೋಜನಾ ವಿಭಾಗದ ಕಾರ್ಯ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಡಿ ಬರುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ವೇದಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು ವಿವರಗಳು ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

1. ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in ಅಂತರ್ಜಾಲದ ಮೂಲಕ ಟೆಂಡರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಬಹುದು.
2. ಟೆಂಡರಿಗಿಟ್ಟ ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. 499.07 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು.
3. ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಅಂತರ್ಜಾಲದ ಮೂಲಕ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ವೇದಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಬಹುದಾದ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 13.03.2023
4. ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಸ್ಪಷ್ಟೀಕರಣ ಕೇಳಲು ದಿನಾಂಕ: 18.03.2023
5. ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಅಂತರ್ಜಾಲದ ಮೂಲಕ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ವೇದಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 21.03.2023 ಸಂಜೆ 5.00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ
6. ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 23.03.2023 ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ
7. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ http://ww.eproc.karnataka.gov.in ಅಂತರ್ಜಾಲ ಅಥವಾ ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್, ಕನೀನಿನಿ, ವಾರಾಹಿ ಯೋಜನಾ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಇವರನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸುವುದು.
8. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದೇ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ, ಮಾರ್ಪಾಡು ಅಥವಾ ಇತರ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಗಳಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ, www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಚುರಪಡಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಸಹಿ/-, ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್, ಕನೀನಿನಿ, ವಾರಾಹಿ ಯೋಜನಾ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಸಿದ್ದಾಪುರ, ಉಡುಪಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ

कार्यालय अतिरिक्त मुख्य अभियंता जल संसाधन संभाग जयपुर
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ई-निविदा सूचना संख्या 21/2022-23

इस कार्यालय के पत्रांक 9541 दिनांक 07.02.2023 द्वारा आमंत्रित ई-निविदा सूचना संख्या Construction of intake cum Pump house and other allied civil works at left flank of Isarda Dam, Tonk, Rajasthan for supply of water to Isarda water supply Project. कार्य की बिड दिनांक 02.03.2023 को सायं 6:00 बजे तक डाउनलोड एवं अपलोड करने व 03.03.2023 को दोपहर 3:00 बजे तकनीकी बिड खोली जानी निर्धारित थी, उपरोक्त कार्य की निविदा को अपरिहार्य कारणों से दिनांक 13.03.2023 तक डाउनलोड व अपलोड करने व दिनांक 14.03.2023 को दोपहर 3:00 बजे तकनीकी बिड खोली जानी निर्धारित की जाती है।

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ಉಲ್ಲೇಖ:- **No: EE/ KNNL/ BCD-5/DVG/PB-2/4701/SCP-TSP/3500/2022-23 Dated:07.03.2023**

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3.KNNL/2022-23/IW/WORK_INDENT 36024/Call-2- 12.38 ಲಕ್ಷ.

ಯಾವುದೇ ಕಾರಣ ನೀಡದೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಮುಂದೂಡುವ, ಅಂಗೀಕರಿಸುವ ಅಥವಾ ತಿರಸ್ಕರಿಸುವ ಹಕ್ಕನ್ನು ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸಹಿ ಮಾಡಿರುವ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ಕಾಯ್ದಿರಿಸಿಕೊಂಡಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಇ-ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಅಥವಾ ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸಹಿ ಮಾಡಿದವರ ಕಛೇರಿಯನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

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ಸಹಿ/- ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್, ಕನೀನಿನಿ ನಂ.5 ಭದ್ರಾ ನಾಲಾ ವಿಭಾಗ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ.

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Tender Notice

No: Dreams 02/2023 **Date: 08/03/2023**

Tenders are invited for supplying the following items for DREAMS Mall Project. The tender details, specifications and BOQ can be had from the office of the undersigned on all working days from 13/03/2023. The last date for submission of tenders is on 25/03/2023 at 4 PM. The details can also be downloaded from the website.

SL NO	ITEMS	REMARKS
1	Supply & Fixing and commissioning of LED Wall outdoor display	SIZE = 10M X 5M
2	Laying underground 11KV 3 core 300 Sq.mm XLPE Armored Aluminum cable by HDD Method	1.5 Kilo Meter

Secretary

Government of Karnataka
Karnataka Public Works, Department, Sirasi Division(U.K), Karnataka Ph: 08384-223164, Fax: 08384-224100
No. PWD/SR./Dn/AE/IFT/3054SH/MDR/2022-23/4192 Date: 04.03.2023

INVITATION FOR TENDERS (IFT) (SHORT TERM) KW-3
e-TENDER NOTIFICATION

1. The Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Sirasi invites tenders from eligible tenderers, for the construction of works detailed in the Table below. The tenderers may submit tenders for any or all of the works given in the Table. **The price tender which will be opened only if the Tenderer is found to be qualified to execute the tendered works. The Tenderers are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in Clause 3 of the Instructions to Tenderers to qualify for award of the contract. (26.03.2021)** (2) Tender documents may be downloaded from Government of Karnataka e-Procurement website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in/eportal/index.seam** under login for Contractors: (3) Tenders must be accompanied by EMD Declaration form Proforma attached (4) Tenders must be electronically submitted (on-line through internet) with in the date and time published in e-procurement portal. The technical bid will be opened after prescribed time and date in the eprocurement portal, in the presence of the Tenderers who wish to attend at the Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Department, SIRSI Division. (5) Other details can be seen in the tender documents

(Total: 5 Works)
(1) Last date and time for Tender Queries/Clarifications: **13.03.2023 up to 16.00.00** (2) Last Date and Time for receipt of tenders: **14.03.2023 up to 16.00.00** (3) Date and Time for opening of Technical Bid: **15.03.2023 @ 16.30.00** (4) Date and Time for opening of Financial Bid: **17.03.2023 @ 16.00.00**

Sd/- Executive Engineer
Public Work Department Division
Sirsi (Uttara Kannada)
DIPR/ADK/KSMCA/1128/22-23 dt.09.03.2023

(Government of Karnataka)
RURAL WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION DEPARTMENT HASSAN DIVISION HASSAN
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One & TWO COVER SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION NO: 29/2022-23 DATED : 09-03-2023

On Behalf Governor of Karnataka, The Executive Engineer Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department Hassan Division Hassan. Has Invited the Tender for the works of Alur, Holenarasipura & Sakaleshapura Taluk Approved under 2022-23 JJM & MVS O&M Mention Below, Single Cover System works Alur Taluk 06 Works-(SC-02 & ST-00) Sakaleshapura Taluk 70 Works- (SC-14 & ST-05) Two Cover System works Alur Taluk 69 Works (General) Sakaleshapura Taluk 39 Works (General) Holenarsipura Taluk 11 Works (General) Above work tenders are invited in One & Two cover system in e-procurement portal. The tender details are available in www.e-procurement.karnataka.gov.in From 09-03-2023 After 5.30P.M . The bidder should submitted the tender with in the dated: 17-03-2023 before 4-00 P.M. On Dated :14-03-2023 The Pre-bid Meeting will be conducted in this office, Interested Contractor may participated. Venue : Office of the Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Department, Zilla Panchyath Building, N.R,Circle Hassan. The Technical bid will open on dated : 18-03-2023 after 17.00 P.M. The Financial bid of the Technically qualified bidder will be open on dated: 20-03-2023 after 11.00 AM. The Executive Engineer has reserved the rights of to cancel all tender or any one tender without giving any reason.

Sd/- Executive Engineer Rural drinking water and sanitation Dept, Hassan division,Hassan.
ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ಹಿಸನಿ/ಹಾಸನ/ಎಂಸಿಎ/1233/2022-23

KARNATAKA MARITIME BOARD, GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

Development of an All-Weather Deepwater Greenfield Port at Keni on Public Private Partnership (PPP) - Design, Build, Finance, Operate, Transfer (DBFOT) Model (Tender No: KMB-134/WKS-II/2022/CALL-2)

Karnataka Maritime Board invites proposal from established players in the Ports & Maritime Sector to setup greenfield Ports at Keni **(Lat:14°41.5'N Long: 74° 11.6'E).** For detailed Request for Proposal, Project Information Memorandum and Draft Concession Agreement, Please visit Karnataka e-Procurement website: **https://eproc/karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-, Chief Executive Officer,
Karnataka Maritime Board
DIPR/ADK/MCA/1112/22-23 dt.08.03.2023

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜನೀಯರರು, ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ವಿಭಾಗ ಕಾರವಾರ
ಸಂ: ಕಾ.ನಿ.ಇಂ./ಲೋ.ಇ.ವಿ.ಕಾ/ಪಿ.ಬಿ-2/ಟೆಂಡರ- 48/2022-23/5514 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 06.03.2023

ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಆಹ್ವಾನ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (ಇ-ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್)

ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನ ಕೋಷ್ಟಕದಲ್ಲಿ ವಿವರಿಸಿರುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜನೀಯರರು, ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಕಾರವಾರ ಇವರಿಂದ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಕೋಷ್ಟಕದಲ್ಲಿ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿರುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆಯನ್ನು ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಮಾತ್ರ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವದು. ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆಯನ್ನು ವಹಿಸಲು ಅರ್ಹರಾಗಬೇಕಾದಲ್ಲಿ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು (ಕೆಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂ-3) ರಲ್ಲಿ ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಿರುವ ಷರತ್ತುಗಳನ್ನು ಗಮನಿಸುವದು.

(1) ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ ವಿಚಾರಣೆಗೆ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿ: **13.03.2023 16.30 ಗಂಟೆ ವರೆಗೆ** (2) ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿ: **14.03.2023 16.30 ಗಂಟೆ ವರೆಗೆ** (3) ಟೆಂಡರನ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿ: **15.03.2023 17.00 ಗಂಟೆ ವರೆಗೆ** (4) ಟೆಂಡರನ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿ: **17.03.2023 17.00 ಗಂಟೆ ವರೆಗೆ**

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(ಕೆಡಬ್ಲ್ಯು-3) ರಲ್ಲಿನ ನಿಭಂದನೆಗಳನ್ನು ಮುಂದಿನ ದಿನಗಳಲ್ಲಿ **e-proc** ನಲ್ಲಿ ಸೂಚಿಸಲಾದ ನಿಭಂದನೆಗಳನ್ನು ಇಲಾಖಾ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಅಂದರೆ **"eproc.karnataka.gov.in"** ನೋಡಬಹುದು. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ **help desk Bangalore (Phone No. 918025501216 & 918025501227)** ಇವರನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದು.

ಸಹಿ/- ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು,
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DIPR/ADK/KSMCA/1102/22-23 dt.06.03.2023

ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ-ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ
ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು (ಯೋಜನೆ) ಕಚೇರಿ

ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ (ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಮಾತ್ರ)

ಜಾಹಿರಾತು ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ :__________. ದಿನಾಂಕ : 10/03/2023

ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ-ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಆದೇಶ **1999-2000ರ** ಪ್ರಕಾರ **ಆಕ್ಟ್ 2000** ನಿಯಮದಂತೆ ಸ್ಟ್ಯಾಂಡರ್ಡ ಬಿಡ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯೂಮೆಂಟ್ **ಕೆಡಬ್ಲೂ -2** ನಿಯಮಗಳನ್ವಯ **ಸನ್ 2022-23 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ-ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ನಿಧಿ** ಕ್ರಿಯಾ ಯೋಜನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಂಜೂರಾದ ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ-ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಕಚೇರಿ ಆವರಣದಲ್ಲಿನ ಹಾಲಿ ಸಭಾಭವನ ದುರಸ್ಥಿಗೊಳಿಸುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ. ಇಚ್ಛೆಯುಳ್ಳ ಅರ್ಹ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಾಯಿತರಾದ **3ನೇ ದರ್ಜೆ** ಹಾಗೂ ಮೇಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಐಟಂವಾರು **Work** ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಏಕ-ವಿದ್ಯುನ್ಮಾನ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ **(One Electronic Tender System)** ಇ-ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಒಂದು ವೇಳೆ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಕಾರಣಗಳಿಂದ ಸದರಿ ಟೆಂಡರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದಾದರೂ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯಾದಲ್ಲಿ, ಸದರಿ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಇ-ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟನಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ ಸಂಪೂರ್ಣ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ/ದಾಖಲೆಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ಅಂತರ್‌ಜಾಲ ವಿಳಾಸ **http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** ದಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **13/03/2023** ರಿಂದ ನೋಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

1)ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: **DMA/2022-23/BD/WORK_INDENT 148782**/ ಟೆಂ.ಮೊ.ರೂ. **40.34** ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು /ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ ಮೊ.ರೂ.**80685/-** /ಅವಧಿ **06** ತಿಂಗಳು

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕುರಿತು ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **16-03-2023** ರಂದು **16.00.00** ಘಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ, ಟೆಂಡರ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **20-032023** ರಂದು **16.30.00** ಘಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ, ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ:**21-03-2023** ರಂದು **16.30.05** ಘಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ.

ಸಹಿ/- ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು (ಯೋಜನೆ)
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ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ
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A code to rescue lost childhoods

There are about 60 major brick kilns around Bhubaneswar and Cuttack. Children often undertake the annual migration to these kilns along with their parents. According to an Aide et Action estimate, about 30% of people present at the worksites are children aged between 6 and 18 years. At the time of recruitment of labour, if a family do not have any young children to join in the work, they often hire a young boy or girl from the families of relatives or neighbours for a period of six to eight months, paying them a paltry amount to participate in the drying activity, Mr. Daniel explained.

Tracking workers' children

The Bhubaneswar-Cuttack police have now chalked out a plan to ensure that all children are admitted to schools. "We have asked all brick kiln owners to provide a list of children living with their parents, who have been hired for brick making, to their nearest police stations within 15 days," said Soumendra Priyadarshi, Commissioner of Police for the twin cities.

The draft code of conduct says, "It is duty of brick kiln owners that no children will be engaged in labour works as per the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Amendment Act 2016 and kiln operators have to declare the premise as child labour free zone."

Education is key

For children aged between three and six years, owners must set up crèches where children can spend meaningful time. The children must be connected to nearby anganwadi centres and provided access to protein-rich food. Children above six years should be persuaded to get admitted to nearby schools.

If the experiment succeeds in Bhubaneswar and Cuttack, the same model will be replicated in other major urban centres in the State, said Jyoti Prakash Brahma, senior programme manager of Aide et Action.

Net direct tax receipts rise 16.8%, nears target

"Direct tax collection, net of refunds, stands at ₹13.73 lakh crore, which is 16.8% higher than the net collections for the corresponding period of last year. This collection is 96.7% of the total Budget Estimates and 83.2% of the total Revised Estimates of direct taxes for FY 2022-23," the ministry said.

As of February 10, gross direct tax collections had risen 24.1% to ₹15.67 lakh crore, with personal income tax flows soaring 29.6% vis-à-vis a 19.3% rise in corporate tax inflows. Net of refunds, total tax collections were ₹12.98 lakh crore as on February 10, 18.4% higher than a year earlier.

Refunds issued to taxpayers by March 10, amounted to ₹2.95 lakh crore, 59.4% higher than refunds made in the same period in the preceding year. As of February 10, refunds were up 61.6% year-on-year and stood at ₹2.69 lakh crore.

Gross corporate income tax collections had risen 18.1% by March 10, while receipts from personal income tax and the securities transaction tax (STT) had risen 27.6%. After adjustment of refunds, the net growth in personal income tax with STT stood at 20.1%.

Sickle cell screening fails to meet target

Maitri Porecha
NEW DELHI

With barely two weeks left in the fiscal year, the Health Ministry has completed a minuscule 1% of its ambitious target to scan one crore people for sickle cell disease in 2022-23. The Ministry is starkly behind schedule, having screened just a little over one lakh people this year, according to official data accessed by *The Hindu* from the National Health Mission's portal for sickle cell disease.

The minutes of a meeting of the seventh Mission Steering Group convened by the NHM reveal that the target set for 2022-23 was to screen one crore people. However, only 1,05,954 people have been screened so far, out of which 5,959 people (5.62%) were found to be carrying the traits.

In her Budget speech, Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said that India aims to eliminate sickle cell anaemia by 2047. This means that the incidence of the disease will be reduced to a specified level, with continuous efforts to prevent recurrence.

Achieving this goal would involve screening at least seven crore people under the age of 40 years in multiple phases by 2025-26. A budget of ₹542 crore has been proposed by NHM for the massive exercise.

'Lines between natural, man-made disasters blurred in Joshimath'

People in the past built eco-friendly houses by not touching slopes or disturbing water channels; what is being witnessed today is 'luxurious interference instead of peaceful coexistence', says Secretary of Disaster Management in Uttarakhand

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

A senior Uttarakhand government official said on Saturday that after the Mishra Committee report in 1976, "major investigation, master plan or mitigation measures" were missing in Joshimath, the Himalayan town affected by land subsidence since January this year. The crisis has left hundreds of residents displaced from their homes.

Ranjit Kumar Sinha, Secretary, Disaster Management, Uttarakhand, said roads were built and widened without any consideration for water channels, while huge colonies and Army bases were allowed to come up in the region. He said the lines between man-made and natural disasters had blurred and before thinking about development, the dynamics of mountains and hills should be considered.

Main culprit: The construction of Tapovan Vishnugad Hydropower Plant of NTPC, in Joshimath, started in November 2006. PTI

Mr. Sinha was speaking before a panel of experts on the topic "Disaster mitigation and resilience" on the second day of the National Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction Conference in Delhi.

The Mahesh Chandra Mishra committee in 1976 had said that Joshimath was built on the debris of ancient landslips and prohibited heavy construction work. It recommended proper drainage, reforestation, and reinforcements near river banks to prevent erosion.

Mr. Sinha said hills and mountains are "living entities" which have their own dynamics and are bound by laws of physics, chemistry and biology. He stated that earlier, people built small eco-friendly houses and they never touched slopes or disturbed water channels or vegetation but what is being witnessed today is "luxurious interference instead of peaceful coexistence."

"What happened in Joshimath? We have built and widened roads without any consideration for slope or water channels, we have allowed heavy vehicles to ply, allowed Army and ITBP to construct big base. These are necessary but we should have done something for Joshimath as a whole," Mr. Sinha said.

He said mountains are essential not only for the hill people but for people in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, and other States too as the Ganga and the Yamuna, the two main rivers that originate in Uttarakhand, make the soil fertile. He said the gaps in regulations and guidelines should be plugged so that people are made responsible for their acts.

Local people have blamed the construction of a tunnel by the National Power Thermal Corporation, a kilometre from Joshimath town, for the sinking of the area.

He said that the issues of mountain States are different and suggested that there are areas which should be left to the States-."Kerala has done very well in early warning system, there should be a platform for exchange of information at State level. There is no institutional framework for exchange of ideas... landslide mitigation requires serious attention," he said, adding landslips are a concern in hill areas."

NC president to meet EC over delay in J&K polls

The Hindu Bureau
JAMMU

National Conference (NC) president Farooq Abdullah, who chaired a multi-party meeting in Jammu on Saturday, said J&K was an integral part of the nation and rued the treatment meted out by the Centre to the erstwhile State of J&K.

The meeting was attended by National Panthers Party leader Harshdev Singh, J&K Congress chief Viqar Rasool Wani, Aam Aadmi Party leader Taranjit Singh Tony, CPI(M) leader M.Y. Taragami, J&K Shiv Sena president Manish Sahwany and Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) leader Amrik Singh Reen.

During the meeting, the parties decided to meet the Election Commission of India (EC) "to seek early Assembly polls in the UT."

The former J&K Chief Minister said there was an uncalled-for delay in starting the democratic process in Jammu & Kashmir.

Committee to oversee transfer and import of captive wild animals: SC

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court has increased the jurisdiction and powers of a high-powered committee led by its former judge, Justice Deepak Verma, to conduct necessary checks and undertake fact-finding exercises concerning the import, transfer, procurement, rescue and rehabilitation of wild animals, including those in captivity, across India.

The ambit of the committee was earlier restricted to Tripura and Gujarat.

Now, the Chief Wildlife Wardens of the States would be co-opted as members of the committee. The panel would look into all pending and future complaints on the issue.

Chained trophy: A captive elephant disembarking from a truck after being transported from festival grounds in Kerala. K.K. NAJEEB

"The Committee may also consider the request for approval, dispute or grievance, concerning transfer or import into India or procurement or welfare of wild animals by any rescue or rehabilitation centre or zoo, by taking assistance and cooperation whenever needed from all departments and authorities across India. We also direct that all complaints in this regard may be forwarded forthwith to the High-Powered Committee for consideration and recommending appropriate action," a Bench led by Justice Krishna Murari said in a recent order.

Supreme authority

The court directed that State and Central authorities should "forthwith report seizure of wild animals or abandonment of captive wild animals to the committee and the committee shall be at liberty to recommend transfer of ownership of captive animals or of seized wild animals to any willing rescue centre or zoo for their immediate welfare, care and rehabilitation".

The other designated members of the committee include the Director General of Forests (Union of India), Head of Project Elephant Division (MoEF) and Member Secretary (Central Zoo Authority of India).

Lockheed Martin, Tata to begin fighter wing production

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

U.S. defence major Lockheed Martin and the Tata Group have reached an agreement to produce fighter wings at the their joint venture, Tata Lockheed Martin Aerostructures Limited (TLMAL), in Hyderabad.

"The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) envisions production of 29 fighter wing shipsets, with an option of additional shipsets, and deliveries commencing in 2025," Lockheed said in a statement.

Lockheed Martin formally recognised the TLMAL as a potential co-producer of fighter wings in October 2021 following its production and qualification of a prototype fighter wing shipset, according to the statement.

Through this prototype project, the TLMAL was required to demonstrate the capability to perform detailed part manufacturing and delivery of a fully compliant fuel-carrying 9-g, 12,000-hour, interchangeable/replaceable representative fighter wing.

The TLMAL was established as a joint venture in 2010 and serves as the single global source of C-130J empennage assemblies that are installed on all new Super Hercules aircraft.

To date, the TLMAL has manufactured and delivered nearly 200 C-130J empennages.

States demand that lightning be declared a natural disaster

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

2,500 persons are killed every year across the country after being struck by lightning: IMD

A few States have demanded that "lightning" be declared a "natural disaster" because deaths caused by it surpass any other disaster in the country, National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) member secretary Kamal Kishore said on Saturday. Mr. Kishore said that it was a policy issue and deliberations were required.

According to present norms, cyclone, drought, earthquake, fire, flood, tsunami, hailstorm, landslip, avalanche, cloudburst, pest attack, frost and cold waves are considered as disasters that are covered under the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF), 75% of which is funded by the Centre.

Mrutyunjay Mohapatra, Director General, India Meteorological Department (IMD), said around 2,500 people died every year from lightning strikes. Bihar's Disaster Management Minister Shahnawaz Alam said climate change was responsible for the increase in deaths by lightning, and, in the past five years, more than 1,500 persons have died in the State, with 300 deaths being recorded every year.

The observations were made at the two-day National Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction Conference (NPDRR) in Delhi that concluded on Saturday.

Mr. Mohapatra, while making a presentation at the conference, said the frequency of lightning was the highest in northeastern States and in West Bengal, Sikkim, Jharkhand, Odisha and Bihar, but the number of deaths was higher in Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh and Odisha. "Lightning characteristics are different for different regions, the prevalence is more at night and the early hours in hilly States and more during the day in the plains. That is why deaths occur more in the plains," Mr. Mohapatra said.

Ranks of over 37% SC, ST students asked, reveals survey in IIT-Bombay

Abhinay Lakshman
NEW DELHI

"Even EWS (Economically Weaker Sections) people feel that they come here through genuine reservation as compared with us. EWS students openly tells our case is genuine unlike you," a Dalit student of the Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay (IIT-B) said in an Open House on caste discrimination held months before 18-year-old Darshan Solanki, another Dalit student, died by suicide inside the campus, a few months into his chemical engineering course.

Months before this Open House on caste-discrimination, the IIT-B's SC/ST Students Cell had conducted a detailed survey of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe students in February 2022, in which 388 SC/ST students participated, out of whom, 77 described in detail the kinds of caste-based discrimination they faced while on campus.

The survey, results of which *The Hindu* has seen, showed that 37.1% of these students were asked their JEE/GATE/JAM/(U)CEED ranks within the institute by fellow students seeking to know their identity. In addition, 26% of the respondent students said that they had been asked their surname with the intention of knowing their caste.

Many students believe that holding an anti-reservation sentiment is not casteist.

A day after Mr. Solanki died, the Institute's Director had said caste discrimination, "if at all it occurs, is an exception" and that ranks are not asked of students.

Implicit bias

While nearly 70% SC/ST students said that they believed asking for ranks/surnames could be a sign of casteism, a smaller survey conducted by Insight, the official institute publication, showed that not as many General Category students felt the same way.

For instance, 37% GC students said they believed asking for surnames is not casteist. The Insight survey, conducted in 2021, threw more light on how GC students perceived Dalit and Adivasi students. The survey showed that 26% of them preferred that their roommate was from the same category. Moreover, it showed that 42% GC students believed that holding anti-reservation sentiment was not casteist.

The results showed that 90% of the respondent GC students had witnessed someone using a caste slur, and over 15% had used it themselves. Further, over 80% of them said that they had witnessed people making, sharing, and laughing about jokes and memes on reservations, while 22.6% said they themselves had made and shared these jokes.

The SC/ST Students Cell survey pointed out that over 21.5% of students were afraid of facing backlash from students or faculty if they talked about caste-discrimination in the institute.

Responding to the survey, 29.4% students said that they were not comfortable discussing their caste identity on the campus and over 33% students said they would only discuss it with "a very close friend", which in most cases happen to be people from the same social background as themselves.

The survey also pointed out that over 15% respondents said they had faced mental health issues because of the discrimination they faced due to their caste identity.

Forms of privilege

The Insight survey showed that GC students are not as guarded about their caste identity, revealing that 42% were comfortable talking about it in the open and 11% were comfortable talking about it in extended friend circles.

The internal inquiry panel probing Mr. Solanki's death, had recorded in its interim report, a testimony from one of his friends, who had pointed out that he was "sensitive about his caste identity". In addition to this, Mr. Solanki's sister had deposed before the panel, describing how he was laughed at for asking questions about computers.

However, in the interim report of March 2, the panel said there was "no specific evidence" of caste discrimination in the case.

Nitish says ED searches have a political motive

Amarnath Tewary
PATNA

In a sharp reaction to the CBI's recent summons to his Deputy Tejashwi Yadav in a land-for-job scam case, Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar hinted at political motivations behind the move. "What have they been doing for the last five years?" he asked.

"This happened in 2017 also. After five years when we [JD(U) and RJD] have come together again, raids are being conducted again... They [RJD leaders] are responding. You people [mediapersons] know that I've never made any comment on such issues," he said.

On Friday, the ED raided Mr. Yadav's residence and the housesof RJD leaders in the same case.

Tejashwi skips questioning by CBI; ED says trail of ₹600 crore detected

CBI says that it will issue another summons to the Bihar Deputy CM; ED alleges that a bungalow in New Friends Colony, Delhi is registered in the name of A.B Export Private Ltd., but it was exclusively used as a residence by him

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Tejashwi Yadav on Saturday did not appear before the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) for questioning in connection with the land-for-job case, an agency official said.

"In response to the summons, Mr. Yadav expressed his inability to join the probe citing his wife's health. Another summons will be issued soon," the official said. Earlier in the day, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) said that the searches in the alleged land-for-job money laundering case resulted in the detection of "proceeds of crime" amounting to ₹600 crore and seizure of unaccounted-for cash of ₹1 crore. A four-storey bungalow at New Friends Colony in Delhi, registered in the name of A.B. Exports Private Ltd. that is owned and controlled by Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Tejashwi Yadav and his family, was shown to have been acquired at just ₹4 lakh, said the ED, adding that its present market value was ₹150 crore.

The agency says it has recovered ₹1 crore in cash, 540 grams of gold bullion and 1.5 kg of gold jewellery on Saturday. ANI

"It is suspected that huge amounts of cash/proceeds of crime have been infused in purchasing this property and a few Mumbai-based entities, dealing in the gems and jewellery sector, were used to channel ill-gotten proceeds of crime in this regard," said the agency in a statement.

The ED alleged that though the property had been declared on paper as the office of A.B. Exports and A.K. Infosystems Private Ltd, it was being exclusively used as residential premises by Mr. Yadav.

The agency searched 24 locations in and around Delhi, Patna, Mumbai and Ranchi. It seized ₹1 crore and $1,900 in cash, 540 gm of gold bullion and over 1.5 kg of gold jewellery, besides property documents, and sale deeds.

"Searches resulted in the detection of proceeds of crime amounting to ₹600 crore approximately,... in the form of immoveable properties of ₹350 crore and transactions of ₹250 crore routed through '*benamidaars*'," it said. It alleged that four parcels of lands acquired by Mr. Prasad's family for just ₹7.5 lakh "from poor Group-D applicants" were sold by his wife Rabri Devi for ₹3.50 crore to Syed Abu Dojana, former RJD MLA, in a "collusive" deal.

Albanese promises to take steps against temple vandalism

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Anthony Albanese

Australia will act with "full force" to prevent attacks against Hindu temples, Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said on Saturday at the conclusion of his visit to India.

On Friday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi raised the issue during a formal dialogue between the two sides in Hyderabad House here. Mr. Modi said the attacks on Hindu temples in Australia had "worried" India.

Mr. Albanese, in response to a question from the Australian media on Saturday, said, "I gave him [Mr. Modi] the assurance that Australia is a country that respects people's faith. That we don't tolerate the sort of extreme actions and attacks that we have seen on religious buildings, be they Hindu temples, mosques, synagogues, or churches. This has no place in Australia. We will take every action through our police and also our security agencies to make sure that anyone responsible for this faces the full force of the law."

"We're a tolerant, multicultural nation, and there is no place in Australia for this activity," he added.

Mr. Albanese had not addressed the issue in his press statement in Hyderabad House on Friday though the matter was emphasised by Mr. Modi and Foreign Secretary Vinay Mohan Kwatra.

ED questions BRS legislator K. Kavitha in Delhi excise policy case for nine hours

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Saturday questioned Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) MLC K. Kavitha, daughter of Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao, for about nine hours in connection with the Delhi excise policy case. She has been summoned again on March 16 for recording her statement.

On Friday, Ms. Kavitha had observed a hunger strike, along with leaders of 12 political parties. The BJP termed it "preposterous" and a ploy to change the narrative on the case.

On Thursday, in the same case, former Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia was arrested by the ED, following his questioning inside Tihar Jail where he was lodged after the expiry of his Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) remand. He is currently in the ED's custody.

A Hyderabad-based liquor businessman, Arun Ramachandra Pillai, who allegedly represented the interests of Ms. Kavitha, is also in the agency's custody. He, along with co-accused Abhishek Boinpally and chartered accountant Butchibabu Gorantla, was a front for the "South Group" that was extended favours under the now-scrapped excise policy, the ED has alleged.

K. Kavitha

Mr. Pillai is a partner with a 32.5% stake in Indo Spirits, which had been granted wholesale liquor licence. It is a partnership firm with Mr. Pillai, Prem Rahul (32.5%) and Indospirit Distribution Ltd. (35%), with Mr. Pillai and Mr. Rahul representing the 'benami' investments of Ms. Kavitha and YSRCP MP Magunta Srinivasulu Reddy and his son Raghav Magunta, the ED has alleged.

It has accused Mr. Pillai and others of having orchestrated the plan to form a cartel of manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers to control over 30% of the whole liquor business in Delhi.

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and the ED have alleged that the policy was modified to extend a high profit margin of 12% to wholesalers and close to a 185% profit margin to retailers.

As alleged, the then AAP communication and media in-charge Vijay Nair, on behalf of Aam Aadmi Party leaders, received an advance of ₹100 crore from the "South Group" whose prominent entities were Mr. Reddy, his son, Ms. Kavitha and Aurobindo Pharma director P. Sarath Chandra Reddy. Through "proxies", the group partners were given a 65% stake in the accused Sameer Mahandru's Indo Spirits for the recovery of advance payments, it is said.

In relation to the case, the ED has so far arrested 12 persons and attached assets worth ₹76.54 crore under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act.

On the draw

3 held for harassing Japanese woman

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A day after taking cognisance of a video showing a group of men harassing a Japanese woman on Holi, the Delhi Police on Saturday said three persons, including a minor, had been apprehended from Paharganj. An officer said the accused have been identified as Avinash, 18, Tushar, 20, and a 13-year-old boy. All three of them have confessed to the crime.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (Central) Sanjay Kumar Sain said the incident took place in central Delhi's Paharganj on Wednesday. The victim was staying in Paharganj and left for Bangladesh on Friday. While she did not file a complaint, the police took action under the Delhi Police Act after the video went viral on social media.

Political move: Raut on Shiv Sena leader arrest

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

The ED questioning Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Sadanand Kadam, brother of former Minister Ramdas Kadam, is a "political move", Rajya Sabha member Sanjay Raut said on Saturday.

"Mr. Kadam had worked hard to make Mr. Uddhav's public rally in Khed a success, but the ED arrested him. It is a political move. The government is going beyond dictatorship," Mr. Raut said.

A Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) court in Mumbai on Saturday sent Mr. Kadam to ED custody till March 15.

TIRUMALA TIRUPATI DEVASTHANAMS, TIRUPATI
I.T. DEPARTMENT, TTD, TIRUPATI

e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE

Adv. No.11/TTD-11021(91)/2/2022-IT-TTD Dated: 10.03.2023

Online Open tenders are invited on e-procurement platform for the works with the following NIT Nos.**NIT NO. 56/EDPM/TTD/TPT/2022-23.** For tender Notice visit http://www.tirumala.org . For participation in the e-tender log onto **https://tender.apeprocurement.gov.in or log https://www.apeprocurement.gov.in**

Roc No.PR4/13952/Adv. No.428/PRO/2023,DT.11.03.2023 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

DIRECTORATE OF TEACHER EDUCATION AND SCERT : ODISHA : BHUBANESWAR

CORRIGENDUM NOTICE

Notice No. 1405 **Date : 10.03.2023**

With reference to the Publication of Tender Call Notice No. 1137 dated 27.02.2023, the Pre-Bid Meeting shall be held on 15.03.2023 at 03.00 p.m. in the Conference Hall of this Directorate. All the interested parties may attend the Pre-Bid Meeting which is also published in the website i.e. **www.scertodisha.nic.in**.

Director,
TE and SCERT, Odisha, Bhubaneswar

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UTTARAKHAND CIVIL AVIATION DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Sahastradhara Helidrome Dehradun, P.O. Kulhan, Pincode 248013 Tel. 0135-2608981

Letter No.: 7901/UCADA/2023 Date: 11.03.2023

SHORT-TERM TENDER FOR SELECTION OF HELICOPTER SHUTTLE SERVICE OPERATORS FOR ROUTE GUPTKASHI TO SHRI KEDARNATH JI

1. Date of downloading tender document at uktenders.gov.in — 13/03/2023 Time 10:00 HRS
2. Date of Pre-bid meeting — 15/03/2023 Time 11:30 HRS
3. Last date for submission of documents physically at UCADA — 20/03/2023 Time 11:00 HRS
4. Last Date for submission of Tender — 19/03/2023 Time 17:00 HRS
5. Date of opening of Technical Bid — 20/03/2023 Time 11:00 HRS
6. Date of opening of financial bids: - Shall be intimated later by email to the technically qualified bidders.

For more details, please visit **uktenders.gov.in/** official website **www.ucada.in** /Uttarakhand Civil Aviation Development Authority, Doon Helidrome, Mussoorie by pass P.O- Kulhan, Dehradun, Uttarakhand 248013 **CEO, UCADA**

GREATER CHENNAI CORPORATION

H.D.C.No. B2/1462 /2023. **Public Health Department** Dt: 10.03.2023

Public Health Department - Re-e-Tender Notice
Re-e-Tender is invited for the following work by City Health Officer as per tender condition

Providing Human Resource **136 Data Entry Operators** to the Public Health Department, Greater Chennai Corporation for **one year on contract basis.**

Value of work **Rs. 3,11,01,024/-**	EMD amount **Rs.3,11,010/-**

Last date and time for submission of bids : **12.04.2023** up to **3.00 P.M**
Date and Time of opening of tender : **13.04.2023 3.30 P.M**
The details may be downloaded from **www.tntenders.gov.in**
For clarification or details please call Phone: 044 – 2561 9330.

DIPR/ 1631 /TENDER/2023
" சோதனை கடந்து சுதந்திரம் அடைத்தோம் சாதனை புரிந்து சரித்திரம் படைப்போம்" **City Health Officer**

Board of Secondary Education Rajasthan, Ajmer

Open tender for printing and supply of security based pre-printed computer stationery for Board are invited through e-procurement from the reputed firms. Last date of submission of bid is 20/03/2023 till01.00 pm. Details of tender document is available on www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in and www.sppp.rajasthnan.gov.in.

UBN : SEB2223WSOB00053 Secretary

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क्रमांक :- RCScE/ICT/ICT/200 Virtual Classroom/2022-23/11071 दिनांक :- 03/03/2023

बोली आमंत्रण सूचना 41/2022-23

इच्छुक बोलीदाताओं से आईसीटी और डिजिटल पहल योजना के तहत पूरे राजस्थान में 200 कस्तूरबां गांधी बालिका विद्यालयों में कक्षा आधारित डिजिटल मूल्यांकन प्रणाली स्थापित करने हेतु दिनांक 14.03.2023 को समय 11:00 A.M. बजे तक ई–बोली आमंत्रित की जाती है। बोली के अन्य विवरण **www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in, www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in** तथा विभागीय पोर्टल **www.rajsmsa.nic.in** पर देखी जा सकती है। **UBN: RSE2223GLOB03253, Est.cost :6.00 Crore**

राज.संवाद/सी/22/15810 अति. राज्य परियोजना निदेशक

JAIPUR DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Indira Circle, Jawahar Lal Nehru Marg, Jaipur-302004

No : JDA/EE&TA to Dir.Engg.-I/2022-23/D-35 Dated : 10.03.2023

NOTICE INVITING BID

NIB No. : EE & TA to Dir.Engg.-I/34/2022-23

Bids are invited for works given below in various zones as per details given :-

S. No.	Zone	UBN No.	Cost of Work (Lacs)	Nature of Work	Last Date
1.	EE-07	JDA2223WSOB00802	305.00	Construction & Renewal of Road	31.03.2023

Details are available at Procurement Portal website www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in, www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in and www.jda.urban.rajasthan.gov.in.

Raj.Samwad/C/22/15852 Executive Engineer & TA to Dir.Engg-I

COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE
(A Statutory Authority of Government of India under Architects Act, 1972)
India Habitat Centre, Core 6A, 1st Floor, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003
website: www.nata.in, www.coa.gov.in

EXAMINATION NOTICE: NATA-2023

Subject:- Announcement of NATA-2023 for admission into 1st year of 5-year B.Arch. degree course at institutions in the country.

The Council of Architecture is pleased to announce that National Aptitude Test in Architecture (NATA) 2023 shall be conducted by the Council thrice in the year 2023. The dates for Three Tests of NATA 2023 shall be 22.04.2023, 28.05.2023 and 09.07.2023 respectively. The test shall be conducted in two sessions on each day of the Test.

The eligibility for admission to 1st year of 5-year B.Arch. Degree Course, as prescribed by the Council under Regulation 4 (1) of the Council of Architecture (Minimum Standards of Architectural Education) Regulations, 2020, for the academic session 2023-24 is as under:

"No candidate shall be admitted to architecture course unless he has passed an examination at the end of the 10+2 scheme of examination with at least 50 per cent. aggregate marks in Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics and also at least 50 per cent. marks in aggregate of the 10+2 level examination or passed 10+3 Diploma Examination with Mathematics as compulsory subject with at least 50 per cent. marks in aggregate"

The NATA portal shall also be opened shortly to facilitate the students to register for NATA 2023. The NATA-2023 Brochure with details of registration & other important dates is being uploaded on the websites www.nata.in and www.coa.gov.in.

The candidates desirous to take admission into 1st year of 5-year B.Arch. degree course at approved architectural institutions in the country during 2023-2024 are advised to register themselves for NATA-2023.

New Delhi
Dated : 12.03.2023 Registrar

KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
 # 49, East Wing, 4th & 5th Floor, Khanija Bhavan, Race Course Road, Bengaluru – 560 001.
Phone No. 080-22265383, website : www.kiadb.in

No. IADB/ENGG/ETND-EP-71/68/2022-23 **Date: 10.03.2023**

SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER
(Through GOK e – Procurement Portal Only)

Tenders under two cover bid system is invited for the works mentioned below as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000 through electronic procurement from eligible Contractors who have got adequate financial resources, state of the art technology, suitable construction equipments, technical man power & sufficient past experience for the following work as per the schedule given below:

Name of the work: Providing basic Power Infrastructure facilities to Devanahalli General Industrial Area (ITIR), Bengaluru Rural District.

Last date for submission of bids is: **20.03.2023 upto 04:00 pm**

Applicants May Download Bidding Documents from the E-Procurement Portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**.

Sd/-
DIPR/CP/5224/Zen/2022-23 **Chief Engineer-1, KIADB Bengaluru**

INBRIEF

Tripura violence: Left, Cong. to raise issue in Parliament

Taking a serious note of the clashes and violence in the aftermath of the election in Tripura, a Left-Congress delegation on Saturday said it would raise the issue in Parliament to bring the matter to the knowledge of all. Members of the delegation, who had come under an attack of miscreants in Nehalchandranagar on Friday, during its tour of violence-hit areas, also said that leaders of the Left and the Congress would meet President Droupadi Murmu to apprise her of the "terror tactics unleashed by the BJP and RSS" in States ruled by the saffron party. Three people have been arrested in connection with the Nehalchandranagar incident. PTI

Two cheetahs released into wild at Kuno National Park

Two cheetahs – Oban and Asha – were released into the wild at the Kuno National Park (KNP) in Madhya Pradesh on Saturday, almost six months after they were brought from Namibia, an official said. They had been kept in 'hunting enclosures' at KNP until now. "Oban and Asha were among the eight cheetahs brought to KNP in September last year. They were released into the wild on Saturday," Principal Chief Conservator of Forests J.S. Chauhan said. Oban was released first and Asha a few hours later in the afternoon. "Remaining cheetahs from this batch of eight will be released in the wild in a staggered manner," he said, without disclosing any timeline. PTI

Jammu observes shutdown over property tax imposition

A strike call issued by the Chamber of Commerce and Industries (CCI), Jammu chapter, against the imposition of property tax from April this year, affected normal life in Jammu district on Saturday. The strike call resulted in closed markets in several parts of Jammu city. It also affected the work in the courts in Jammu. CCI president Arun Gupta, who had issued the call, accused the administration and the police of intervening to force the shopkeepers to reopen their shops. Meanwhile, J&K Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha defended the administration's move and said, "The doors of administration are open for dialogue."

Threatening remark: privilege motion against Suvendu

West Bengal Minister Partha Bhowmick on Saturday tabled a privilege motion against Leader of the Opposition (LoP) Suvendu Adhikari for a remark threatening to put him behind bars. Speaker Biman Banerjee accepted the motion and directed an investigation into the allegations. The report is likely to be produced before the Speaker in the next session of the State Assembly. In the middle of heated arguments between the TMC and BJP MLAs in the Assemby on Friday, Suvendu Adhikari, while pointing out to Partha Bhowmick, had said, "Will have you locked up in a month." The Speaker intervened in the matter and asked the LOP not to threaten anyone.

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COVID numbers ticking up, Centre seeks more vigilance

Govt. asks States, Union Territories to carry out integrated surveillance of respiratory pathogens, take stock of hospital preparedness; calls for test, track, treat, vaccination, appropriate behaviour

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Take guard: The States have been told to follow operational guidelines for surveillance of respiratory pathogens. NAGARA GOPAL

Amid a rise in cases of the seasonal influenza subtype H3N2, the Centre on Saturday expressed concern over a gradual increase in the COVID-19 positivity rate in some States, and said it needed to be promptly addressed. The country logged 456 new COVID-19 cases on Saturday.

The Centre requested all States and Union Territories to follow operational guidelines for integrated surveillance of respiratory pathogens presenting as cases of influenza-like illness (ILI) or severe acute respiratory infection (SARI).

The States were also requested to take stock of hospital preparedness such as availability of drugs and medical oxygen, vaccination coverage against COVID-19 and influenza.

"While the COVID-19 trajectory has decreased substantially in the past few months, the gradual rise in COVID-19 test positivity rates in some States is a concerning issue that needs to be promptly addressed," Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan said in a letter to the States and Union Territories on Saturday.

Mr. Bhushan called for vigilance and focus on the five-fold strategy of test, track, treat, vaccination and adherence to COVID-appropriate behaviour.

In light of a rising trend in other ILIs and SARIs being witnessed across the country, a meeting was held recently to review the current situation with the Union Ministries, departments and organisations concerned.

Ministry backs norms excluding trans persons from donating blood

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Transgender persons, MSM and female sex workers were included in the 'at risk' category

The Union Health Ministry has in the Supreme Court supported its 2017 guidelines, which excludes transgender persons, men having sex with men (MSM) and female sex workers from donating blood, saying they are "at risk" category population groups and sometimes, the public health perspective must trump individual rights.

The Ministry was responding to a petition by Thangjam Santa Singh, represented by advocate Anindita Pujari, who sought the striking down of clauses in the Blood Donor Selection Criteria of the Guidelines for Blood Donor Selection and Blood Donor Referral, 2017, which excludes transgender persons, MSM and female sex workers from being blood donors.

The 2017 guidelines permanently defer these population groups from being blood donors on account of being at risk of HIV and hepatitis infections or transfusion transmissible infections (TTI).

Rights violation

The petitioner argued that the guidelines to this extent violated the fundamental right to equality, the right to non-discrimination, and the right to life and dignity of these communities.

"The issue should be judged from the lens of a public health perspective rather than that of an individual rights perspective... Even on the balance of individual rights of the blood donor versus the rights of the recipient, the right of the recipient to receive a safe blood transfusion far outweighs the right of an individual to donate blood," the Ministry responded.

Minimising risk

"It is imperative that both the donor and the recipient at the opposite ends of the BTS [blood transfusion service] have complete faith that the system functions in a manner that is safe, minimising all possible risk of unsafe blood transfusion," the Ministry argued. The government said it was most critical to limit the pool of blood donors to individuals who present the least risk of TTIs in accordance with scientific evidence.

The 21-page affidavit said the categories of persons excluded were considered at risk for HIV, and Hepatitis B or C infections based on substantial evidence, and based on the assessment of subject experts.

Transgender persons, MSM and female sex workers were included in the 'at risk' category, the affidavit noted.

It referred to the annual report of the Department of Health and Family Welfare, 2020-21, which showed that HIV prevalence among transgender persons, MSM and female sex workers was "six to 13 times higher than adult HIV prevalence".

Sahitya Akademi Award winners feted at 'Festival of Letters'

Anuradha Roy receives the award for her novel, *All The Lives We Never Lived*, in New Delhi on Saturday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

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NEW DELHI

Twenty-four writers across as many Indian languages were honoured with the Sahitya Akademi Award, 2022 at the beginning of the 39th 'Festival of Letters' here on Saturday.

Hindi author Badri Narayan and English writer Anuradha Roy were among those who received the prestigious literary award at a ceremony held at Kamani Auditorium on the inaugural day of the literary festival, organised by the Sahitya Akademi. While Mr. Narayan received the honour for his collection of poems titled *Tumadi Ke Shabd*, Ms. Roy was awarded for her novel *All the Lives We Never Lived* in English.

The other awardees are Manoj Kumar Goswami (Assamese), Tapan Bandyopadhyay (Bengali), Rashmi Choudhury (Bodo), Veena Gupta (Dogri), Gulammohammed Sheikh (Gujarati), Mudnakudu Chinnaswamy (Kannada), Farooq Fayaz (Kashmiri), Maya Anil Kharangate (Konkani), Ajit Azad (Maithili), and M. Thomas Mathew (Malayalam).

Manipuri author Koijam Shantibala Devi, K.B. Nepali (Nepali), Pravin Dashrath Bandekar (Marathi), Gayatribala Panda (Odia), Sukhjit (Punjabi), Janardan Prasad Pandey 'Mani' (Sanskrit), Kamal Ranga (Rajasthani), Jagannath Soren (Santali), Kanhaiyalal Lekhwani (Sindhi), M Rajendran (Tamil), Madhuranthakam Narendra (Telugu), and Anis Ashfaq (Urdu) also received the prestigious award comprising ₹1 lakh in cash, an engraved copper plaque and a shawl.

Moscow has no monopoly on Soviet ties, Kyiv is a friend of India too: Ukraine MP Yurash

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

Russia cannot claim a "monopoly" on the relationships of the Soviet Union, says a Ukrainian Member of Parliament (MP), who hopes India's position on the war of Ukraine will "evolve" to one that is more supportive of Kyiv.

The youngest MP in the Ukrainian parliament, 27-year-old Sviatoslav Yurash, has fought in the Ukraine war himself, and has been nicknamed the "MP with an AK-47". He visited India in 2015 as a student on an exchange programme at Calcutta University.

Mr. Yurash was a special invitee at the annual "Raisina Dialogue" of the External Affairs Ministry and the Observer Research Foundation in Delhi this month. He said that he and a number of "Young Raisina Fellows" at the event had decided to boycott the session with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov as he said he did not want to "legitimise" what was said at the session.

He said there are many Ukrainians like him who love India, while many Indian citizens who went to Ukraine to study chose to live on there, even after the government's evacuation operations in March 2022. However, Mr. Yurash said that the governments of the two countries "lack engagement" and hence have differences in position on the war. Though he appreciated India's humanitarian aid to Ukraine and Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "era of war" statement last year, Mr. Yurash said he wanted to stress that India's traditional relationship with Russia, also included Ukraine, as both were part of the Soviet Union.

Sviatoslav Yurash

"We need to explain our story [in India], explain the fact that the friendship [India] had with Soviet Union, it does not belong to Russia along, [Ukraine was] a critical part of it as well. Russians do not have a monopoly on the old relationships of the Soviet Union," he said.

Ukraine's response

In the past few months, the Ukrainian government has expressed its disappointment with India, especially over India's refusal to vote for resolutions criticising Russia at the UN, in a number of ways.

In July 2022, President Zelensky recalled his Ambassador to India, and has not yet sent a replacement, and also put the names of three Indians, including the chief of the National Security Advisory Board (NSAB) on a "blacklist". And last month, the Head of Ukraine's Foreign Affairs Committee in parliament called for the U.S. to sanction India and China for continuing to buy increasing quantities of Russian oil.

When asked, Mr. Yurash said that these incidents did not represent a strategic position in Ukraine, but more an emotional one, as there is some "hurt" over the war.

"Part of the message I take back to Kiev is that we must expand our engagement with India," Mr. Yurash told *The Hindu*. He also said that as India is President of G-20, Ukraine would welcome a visit by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Asked about the boycott by the MP and others at the Raisina Dialogue, Russian diplomats told *The Hindu* that the hall at the session was "fully booked" and that no one present had "noticed" the absence of any delegates.

Scientist, with claims on superconductivity, kicks up another row

Vasudevan Mukunth
CHENNAI

Ranga Dias

On March 9, the physics journal *Physical Review Letters* (PRL) launched an investigation into a June 2021 paper co-authored, among others, by Ranga Dias, following allegations of data manipulation, in the same week that Dias and others reported in a different journal that they had discovered room-temperature superconductivity in a material compressed by a few thousand atmospheres of pressure.

The new claim has thrust Dr. Dias, of the University of Rochester, and his colleagues back into the spotlight, where they have been before for claiming the discovery of superconductivity in similar circumstances, in europium in 2009 and carbonaceous sulphur hydride in 2020.

Now, Dias et al. have reported in *Nature* that nitrogen-doped lutetium hydride becomes superconducting at 21 degrees Celsius and under 20,000 atmospheres (atm). The claim has set the condensed-matter physics community aflutter because the discovery of superconductivity at or near room temperature and ambient pressure (i.e. 1 atm) is one of the field's greatest pursuits.

Data manipulation

However, though the paper has been published in *Nature*, many other physicists have already said they will hold off on believing the study data until they can independently verify it. "This certainly appears to be a momentous advance," Vijay B. Shenoy, an Associate Professor at the Centre for Condensed Matter Theory, Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru, told *The Hindu*. "My personal concern is that the lead investigator has not been without controversy."

After Dias et al. reported in 2009 that europium becomes a superconductor at very low temperature and very high pressure, at least one scientist acquired the raw data from the experiments and found evidence of manipulation.

In October 2020, Dr. Dias and others reported in *Nature* that carbonaceous sulphur hydride becomes superconducting at around 14 degrees Celsius and 2.6 million atm of pressure.

Soon, independent scientists who synthesised the material according to the original recipe and conducted the same tests on it that Dias et al. had, reached different results.

Now, James Hamlin, a physicist at the University of Florida, has told *Physics* magazine that Dr. Dias's 2013 Ph.D. thesis was plagiarised from Hamlin's 2007 thesis. Lilia Boeri, at the Sapienza University of Rome, told *Physics* that the latest finding reported by Dias et al. is contrary to what physicists know about the behaviour of nitrogen-doped lutetium.

For now, the wider community's confidence in the new results appears to be staying low. To complicate matters, according to the *New York Times*, Dr. Dias isn't ready to share a precise recipe to make the nitrogen-doped lutetium hydride for independent tests because he plans to commercialise the material.

AAI, firms argue against auction for spectrum

Aroon Deep
NEW DELHI

The aircraft communications industry argued on Friday that requiring auctions for the wireless spectrum used for communicating between aircraft and airports would be burdensome, and that this is not how such spectrum is licensed around the world.

The telecom industry, on the other hand, pushed for the very high frequency spectrum to be allotted only on the basis of auctions. On Friday, representatives from the industries argued their views in a discussion held by the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India. The discussion followed written submissions that were filed by these firms earlier this year.

While the firms and AAI are operating these services without interruption currently, the Department of Telecommunications expressed concerns over the Supreme Court's 2012 judgment in the 2G spectrum case. All radio spectrum should be assigned through auctions, the court had held. Meanwhile, Reliance Jio's head of TRAI coordination Rakesh Gujral said, "We do not support any administrative assignment of the spectrum... except for public utility activities undertaken by the government."

JALALABAD

Bomb kills 1, injures 5 at press award ceremony in Afghanistan

AFP

A bomb exploded on Saturday during an award ceremony for journalists in Afghanistan's Mazar-e- Sharif city, killing at least one person and wounding five others. The incident came two days after a bomb in Mazar-e-Sharif killed the provincial governor, Daud Muzmal, and two others. AP

YOGYAKARTA

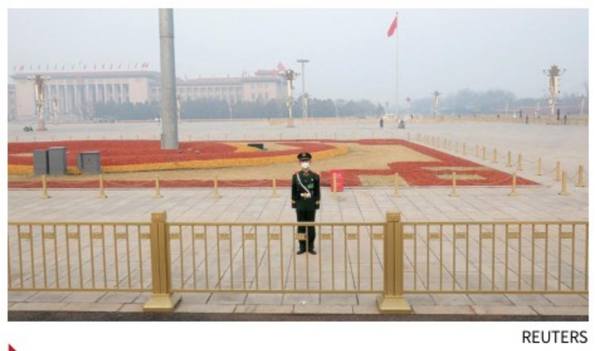
Indonesia's Merapi volcano erupts, covering villages in smoke and ash

AFP

Indonesia's Mount Merapi, one of the world's most active volcanoes, erupted on Saturday, spewing out smoke and ash that blanketed villages near the crater. There were no immediate reports of casualties. The Merapi Volcano Observatory estimated that the ash cloud reached 3,000 metres above the summit. AFP

HONG KONG

Hong Kong hands jail terms to Tiananmen vigil organisers



REUTERS

A Hong Kong court sentenced three former organisers of the city's annual Tiananmen square vigil to four-and-a-half months in jail on Saturday for refusing to hand over records to national security police. Authorities had demanded the documents be handed over on the grounds that the group was a suspected "foreign agent". AFP

WASHINGTON

Joe Biden scraps Donald Trump's paint scheme for Air Force One

AP

The U.S. Air Force unveiled a new color scheme for Air Force One, discarding the palette chosen by Donald Trump for the presidential aircraft. President Joe Biden is sticking with a classic blue-and-white color scheme for the jets, retaining a design that dates to John F. Kennedy's administration six decades ago. AFP

Li Qiang, long-time ally of Xi, is China's new Premier

The NPC session also endorsed two People's Liberation Army Generals, Zhang Youxia and He Weidong, as Vice-Chairmen of the Central Military Commission, which is headed by Xi

Ananth Krishnan
BEIJING

Li Qiang, a long-time close ally of President Xi Jinping, was on Saturday appointed the next Premier of China, and given the task of running the economy for the next five years.

Mr. Li, 63, was widely expected to succeed outgoing Li Keqiang in the post, having been appointed the second-ranked leader of the Politburo in the Communist Party's once-in-five-year congress held in October 2022. He is expected to serve two terms as Premier.

The National People's Congress (NPC), the ceremonial legislature that on Friday endorsed Mr. Xi for a precedent-defying third term, on Saturday confirmed Mr. Li's appointment. While Mr. Xi was endorsed unanimously by all 2,952 members with none opposing or abstaining, three voted against and eight abstained in Saturday's appointment of Mr. Li. The NPC session concludes on Monday, when Mr. Li will hold his first press conference as Premier.

Mr. Li earlier served as the Communist Party chief in Shanghai, where he had a mixed record. While garnering a reputation for being business-friendly – restoring relations with an embattled private sector

Second-in-command: China's newly appointed Premier Li Qiang takes oath at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing on Saturday. AFP

will be one key task on his agenda of boosting economic growth – Mr. Li was also in charge during the widely criticised two month-long lockdown of Shanghai last year.

Other outcomes

The session on Saturday also endorsed, as expected, two People's Liberation Army (PLA) Generals, Zhang Youxia and He Weidong, as Vice-Chairmen of the Central Military Commission (CMC) of the State, which is headed by Mr. Xi. Their announcements were also formalities given their appointments at October's Communist Party Congress.

As with Mr. Li's appointment, the CMC positions also underlined Mr. Xi's influence over every branch of the Party and State. Gen. Zhang Youxia, 72, a close associate of Mr. Xi, was appointed for another term on the CMC despite reaching the retirement age.

Meanwhile, Gen. He Weidong, 65, was appointed to the top post of CMC Vice-Chairman without ever serving on the CMC, receiving a double promotion. He has experience with both the Western Theatre Command (WTC), which borders India, and the Eastern Theatre Command (ETC), which is responsible for Taiwan. Gen. He served as the Army (ground forces) commander of the WTC from 2016 until 2019, including during the 2017 Doklam crisis. In 2019, he was promoted to head the ETC.

'Wartime legislation'

On Saturday, the Hong Kong-based *South China Morning Post* reported PLA representatives of the NPC had been pushing for the introduction of "wartime legislation", with PLA deputies during the ongoing session expressing "an urgent need for wartime legislation as they reviewed amendments to the Legislation Law, which sets out principles for law-making and lawmakers". The proposed legislation could be taken up in future NPC sessions.

"Zhang Like, commander of the Shandong Provincial Military District, suggested that China should push for the introduction of laws such as the mobilisation of reserve forces," the report said, adding that "other deputies called for legislative changes related to the PLA's overseas operations, which have expanded in recent years and include the establishment of a military base in Djibouti in the Horn of Africa, and naval escort missions in the Gulf of Aden and waters off Somalia."

The NPC in 2021 passed a border law, which came into effect in January 2022, which lists various responsibilities for civilian and military authorities to take steps to "safeguard national sovereignty". The law has 62 articles in seven chapters, covering delineation and border defence to immigration, border management and trade, and calling for the Chinese military to carry out border drills and to "resolutely prevent, stop and combat" what it calls "invasions, encroachments and provocations".

Iran says it has reached a deal to buy Russian Sukhoi fighter jets

Agence France-Presse
TEHRAN

Iran has finalised a deal to buy Sukhoi Su-35 fighter jets from Russia, state media reported, as defence cooperation between the two countries deepens.

The Air Force of sanctions-hit Iran has an ageing fleet of aircraft and has struggled to acquire spare parts to keep its warplanes in the air.

In a statement to the United Nations, Tehran said it began approaching "countries to buy fighter jets" to replenish its fleet in the wake of the 1980-88 Iran-Iraq war.

"Russia announced it was ready to sell them" after the expiry in October 2020 of restrictions on Iran purchasing conventional weapons under UN Resolution 2231, said the statement carried late Friday by the official IRNA news agency.

Topsy-turvy: Russia said it was ready to sell the jets following the expiry of restrictions on Iran in October 2020. REUTERS

"The Sukhoi 35 fighter jets were technically acceptable for Iran," it added.

Tehran has forged strong ties with Moscow in various sectors including the military in the past year.

Kyiv has accused Tehran of supplying Moscow with Shahed-136 "kamikaze" drones used in attacks on civilian targets since Russia's invasion of Ukraine in February last year – an allegation the Islamic republic denies.

The U.S. has expressed alarm over the growing military cooperation between Iran and Russia, with Pentagon spokesman John Kirby warning in December that Russia looked likely to sell Iran its fighter jets.

Training in Russia: U.S.

Mr. Kirby maintained that Iranian pilots had reportedly been learning to fly the Sukhoi warplanes in Russia, and that Tehran may receive the aircraft within the next year, which would "significantly strengthen Iran's air force relative to its regional neighbours".

Iran currently has mostly Russian MiG and Sukhoi fighter jets that date back to the Soviet era, as well as some Chinese aircraft, including the F-7.

Some American F-4 and F-5 fighter jets dating back to before the 1979 Islamic Revolution are also part of its fleet.

On the draw

Wagner chief says Russian fighters are close to central Bakhmut

Agence France-Presse
MOSCOW

The chief of Russian mercenary group Wagner has said in a clip posted on Saturday that his forces are close to the centre of the frontline hotspot of Bakhmut.

In a video posted on messaging app Telegram, Yevgeny Prigozhin is seen standing on a roof of a high-rise building in what is said to be Bakhmut.

"This is the building of the town administration, this is the centre of the town," Mr. Prigozin said in the video, pointing towards a building in the distance.

"It is one kilometre and two hundred metres away," he said. He said the most important thing now was to receive ammunition and "move forward."

Wagner has been spearheading offensives against cities in eastern Ukraine including Bakhmut, in what has become the longest and bloodiest fight of Russia's year-long assault. Both sides have suffered heavy losses around Bakhmut.

U.K. Finance Minister says he can't rush into tax cuts

Reuters
LONDON

British Finance Minister Jeremy Hunt said he wanted to lower tax rates for individuals and especially businesses in the longer term but warned it would take time because the economy needed to grow more quickly first.

Mr. Hunt, who is due to present his Budget on Wednesday, said in an interview on Saturday that lower tax rates were only possible once the country's economy was on a sustainable path to growth.

"I want to bring down personal taxes, because that is at the heart of what being a conservative is, but I want to bring down business taxes even more," he told *GB News*.

"What we're trying to do is to increase the productive capacity of the economy and a highly taxed, highly regulated economy has less productive capacity," he said.

World's fastest camera confirms how flames form soot

Vasudevan Mukunth

Scientists from Germany and the U.S. have built the world's fastest single-shot laser camera – 1,000x faster than its predecessors at capturing extremely short-lived events. They used the camera to provide the most precise view, of how a hydrocarbon flame produces soot, which can teach us about how this important climate pollutant is produced in kitchen stoves, car engines, and wildfires.

The device's technique is called laser-sheet compressed ultrafast photography (LS-CUP). It can resolve a plane of a three-dimensional object like a flame or spray or any turbid media and can "resolve physical or chemical processes" in space and time, Yogeshwar Nath Mishra, a co-author of the work's paper, published in *Light: Science & Applications*, told *The Hindu* by email.

Dr. Mishra is a researcher with the University of Gothenburg, Sweden, the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory in California, and the Caltech Optical Imaging Laboratory.

The researchers' device can capture images at 12.5 billion frames per second. They used it to record the "emission, soot temperature, primary nanoparticle size, soot aggregate size, and the number of monomers" of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons – molecules that form soot.

According to their paper, they found "strong experimental evidence in support of the theory and modelling of soot inception and growth mechanism in flames". Such evidence can validate models that predict soot formation in industrial processes. Soot changes rainfall patterns and melts glaciers faster.

The LS-CUP consists of laser-sheet imaging, compressed sensing, and a standard streak camera, according to Dr. Mishra. The laser sheet is a sheet of laser light that illuminates a stable kerosene flame. The sheet is emitted as a 15-nanosecond-wide pulse shot at the flame, triggering the release of different types of electromagnetic radiation.

A beam-splitter splits the radiation signals to two measurement devices, to simultaneously study the evolution of different types of radiation. The streak camera, compressed sensing (which entails advanced signal-processing techniques), and prior knowledge of the time intervals at which each type of radiation is emitted are used to reconstruct the signals.

In the test, the group was able to reconstruct 200 frames per shot.

Its primary shortcoming, according to Dr. Mishra, is the price: their setup cost more than ₹1.5 crore.

No neutralising antibodies after Japanese encephalitis vaccination

A small trial in vaccinated children in Gorakhpur district has found seroprotection against the virus decreased sharply in fully vaccinated children

R. Prasad

A small study involving 266 children, who had received two doses of a live, attenuated Japanese encephalitis vaccine SA-14-14-2 made in China, found very low levels of neutralising antibodies IgG at different time points after vaccination. It did not measure cell-mediated immune responses (T-cell immune responses).

The results are in line with other studies conducted outside India, which too found a decline in neutralising antibody levels post-vaccination. The results were recently published in *The Journal of Travel Medicine*.

While outbreaks of Japanese encephalitis are reported from several places in India, the disease burden is highest in Gorakhpur region of eastern Uttar Pradesh. Immunisation of children with the Chinese vaccine began in 2006 in 11 endemic regions, and became a part of the Universal Immunisation Programme in 181 endemic districts in 2011 first with a single dose and subsequently (2013) with two doses. Despite vaccination, there have been several outbreaks in the endemic regions, particularly in Gorakhpur district.

Chinese vaccine confers low protection from infection

A study was carried out in six villages in Gorakhpur district, Uttar Pradesh

- The study looked for neutralising antibodies IgG in children 0-2 years, 2-4 years, 4-6 years, 6-8 years and 8-10 years post-vaccination
- Nearly 98% of children who received the vaccine did not have any IgG antibodies against the virus
- Cell-mediated immune responses also need to be studied before concluding the protective effect of the Chinese vaccine

The study looked at longevity of immune responses generated by two doses of the Chinese vaccine (SA 14–14-2)

- Children in the Gorakhpur region are more vulnerable to infections despite being fully vaccinated due to waning antibodies and endemicity
- Seroprotection by an inactivated vaccine (Jenvac) developed in India was 81.7% and 88.5% at the end of first and second year, respectively
- The Chinese vaccine conferred seroprotection of 47.9% and 68.3% at the end of first and second year, respectively

No longitudinal study

The study carried out in six villages in Gorakhpur district was not longitudinal (where the same set of children are studied at different time intervals). Instead, samples were collected from different children at different time points post two doses to provide a snapshot of the immune responses at specific time frames post-vaccination – 0-2 years, 2-4 years, 4-6 years, 6-8 years and 8-10 years.

In the absence of a longitudinal study, sampling children at different time points post-vaccination is the next best option to understand the durability of neutralising antibodies, says Dr. Priya Abraham, Professor in the Department of Clinical Virology, CMC Vellore, and a co-author of the paper.

The study found seroprevalence of IgG antibodies, and thus, seroprotection against the virus "decreased in the vaccinated children". Nearly 98% of the children who received the vaccine did not have any IgG antibodies against the virus. The geometric mean titre was low even among children who received the vaccine 0-2 years prior to the study. Similar results were seen in a study carried out in Bangladesh, where children were immunised with the Chinese vaccine.

Does the absence of IgG responses in about 98% of the children studied reflect a complete lack of protection from infection, and hence the usefulness of the vaccine? "Cell-mediated responses need to be studied before any conclusions can be made," Dr. Abraham says in an email to *The Hindu*. "We need to bear in mind the small sample size in this study. Also, follow-up of these children and lack of information about maintenance of the cold chain of the vaccine needs to be borne in mind."

Benefits of Jenvac

In contrast, a trial carried out using an inactivated vaccine (Jenvac), developed by Bharat Biotech in collaboration with NIV Pune using a virus strain collected in India, has found superior protection at the end of two years even with a single dose. Jenvac has been approved as a single-dose vaccine; two doses of Jenvac are used as part of the Universal Immunisation Programme.

In the head-to-head comparison trial (published in November 2020) using Jenvac and the Chinese vaccine, the seroprotection at the end of one year and two years was 81.7% and 88.5% for Jenvac and just 47.9% and 68.3% for the Chinese vaccine, respectively.

The November 2020 trial also found significantly higher neutralising antibodies when children received two doses of Jenvac rather than two doses of the Chinese vaccine. And children who received Jenvac as the first dose and the Chinese vaccine as the second dose had higher antibody levels than those who received the Chinese vaccine as the first dose followed by Jenvac for the second dose.

The authors of the latest study have proposed a booster dose to improve the protection levels in children who have been fully vaccinated. But considering that the November 2020 trial found that two doses of Jenvac produced more antibodies than two doses of the Chinese vaccine, why should children be boosted with the Chinese vaccine, and why should the Chinese vaccine be used even for primary vaccination?

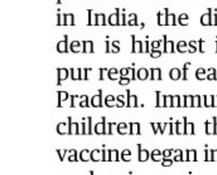
"Calling for complete stoppage of this [Chinese] vaccine would be premature, given some of the stated limitations of our study. However, our study clearly points to a marked decline of antibodies with time from receiving two doses of the vaccine," says Dr. Abraham.

High seroprotection

Also, the second dose coverage at just 42% compared with 75% for the first dose makes a strong case for making a switch to Jenvac as even one dose had conferred far higher seroprotection than the Chinese vaccine.

"Our study is likely to prompt the government to organise a larger study. The findings will [have an] impact on the decisions made by policy makers regarding the future JE vaccination strategy for the country. Another study has shown potent specific T cell response to this vaccine in mice," she says. "The present study as well as larger studies from other endemic regions in our country will help decide future vaccine strategies, particularly regarding the shift to other vaccines and different vaccination schedules."

The evil effects of deforestation



SPEAKING OF SCIENCE

D. Balasubramanian

The World Health Organization (WHO) points out that since 1990, 420 million hectares of forests have been lost through conversion to other land uses – agriculture, industrial use and biofuels – in order to feed 11 billion humans by the end of this century.

This will, in particular, affect the tropical regions such as India, China and Africa.

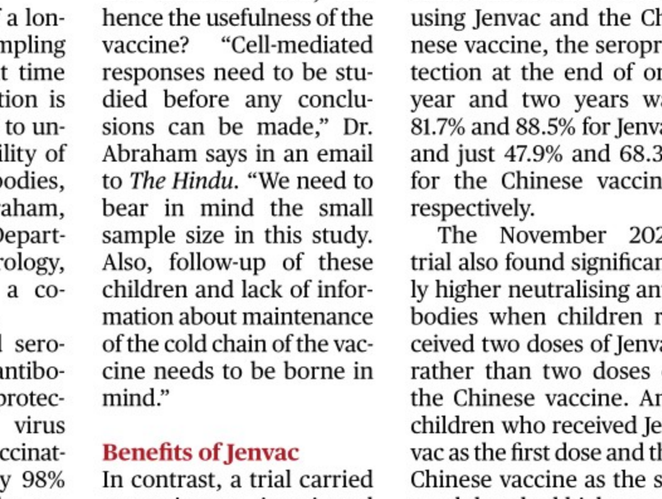
Causes of global warming

The Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO) has published the Global Forest Resources Assessment, and points out that 31% of the land on earth is covered by forests. When trees are felled, they lead to the accumulation of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere and hence, global warming. Deforestation increases 11% of the global greenhouse gas emissions (CO_2, CH_4, N_2O, SO_2, and chlorofluorocarbons).

The Harvard University Public Health Group further points out that deforestation leads to spikes in infectious germs such as those causing diseases such as malaria and dengue, which can adversely affect humans.

Dr. S.B. Kadrekar of the Environmental Society of India points out that not just trees but soil and water too must be saved. A 1% increase in deforestation leads to a 0.93% decrease in the availability of clean drinking water in rural communities that depend on open wells and flowing streams.

Also, trees release water into the atmosphere during transpiration, and this comes down as rainfall. Thus, deforestation has double effects. About 30% of the earth's land area (3.9 billion hectares) is covered by forests. Yet, in the name of food supply, land use for developmental activities and technology, a lot of deforestation occurs in many countries.



Detrimental: A 1% increase in deforestation leads to a 0.93% decrease in the availability of clean drinking water in rural communities. GETTY IMAGES

Situation in India

The total forest cover in India is about 8 lakh sq km, which is 22% of the total geographic area of the country. Of these, the twin islands of Andaman and Nicobar have 87% of the total area.

Dr. Pankaj Sekhsaria points out that the Colonial British set up a port there, in order to export timber elsewhere. The present government is also targeting these islands in order to expand its navy and also to attract more mainlanders to not just visit but even settle down here. So much for saving these islands.

The Himalayan States of Jammu and Kashmir, Uttarakhand, and Himachal Pradesh have about 21,000, 24,000 and 16,000 sq km of forest area, respectively. Yet, the government of India has removed a significant fraction of trees in order to build underpass and overpass highways in these regions.

Likewise, Goa has about 2,219 sq km forestation. Yet, the government there has cut trees with the idea of connecting Mumbai to Goa by a four-lane highway. Around 31,000 trees are being cut by local authorities.

Giant banyan trees

Likewise, the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) is set to start the expansion of the 45-km stretch of NH163, from two to four lanes. Towards this, they want to destroy 9,000 banyan trees in Chevella Mandal in Telangana.

These giant banyan trees are centuries old, established by the Nizams and other forest-loving groups.

In sum, these are some of the evil effects of deforestation, and we should protest.

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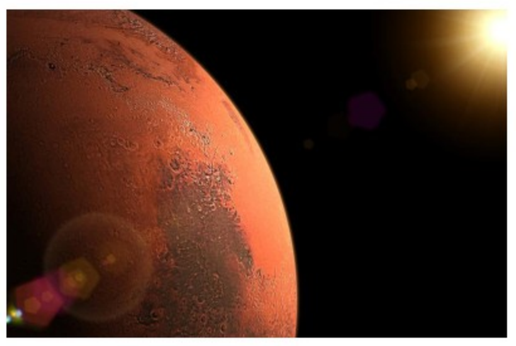
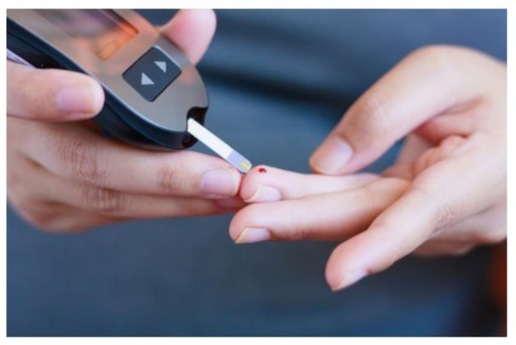


Astrobiologists train artificial intelligence to find life on Mars

A machine-learning algorithm that maps evidence of past or present life could help scientists to find such biosignatures on Mars. Researchers tested the algorithm in Chile's Atacama Desert, where it reduced their search area by up to 97% and increased their likelihood of finding endoliths, a type of rock-dwelling organism, by up to 88%. Targeted approaches augmented by deep learning delivered 56.9-87.5% probabilities of biosignature detection versus less than 10% for random searches.

After 20 years, countries forge a historic High Seas Treaty

After 20 years of talks and a marathon 38-hour final session of negotiations, UN member countries have agreed on a framework to protect marine biodiversity and provide oversight of international waters. The High Seas Treaty will cover waters outside countries' national jurisdictions, which extends 370 km from their shores. These waters account for more than 70% of earth's surface. The treaty establishes a mechanism to designate marine protected areas and creates groups to oversee regulations.



Cases of diabetes, high blood cholesterol rising globally

The number of type 2 diabetes cases worldwide grew by more than 1.5% annually between 2000 and 2019. And in 2019, obesity and high blood cholesterol levels killed 5 million and 4.3 million people, respectively; it is more difficult to estimate death rates than the study makes it seem. People are eating unhealthy food, with less exercise. Income inequality exacerbates the burden of metabolic diseases, with people in low- to middle-income countries bearing the brunt.

Question Corner

Bumblebees

What role does social learning play in bumblebee behaviour?

A new study has shown that bumblebees pick up new 'trends' in their behaviour by watching and learning from other bees, and that one form of a behaviour can spread rapidly through a colony even when a different version gets discovered. The research (*PLOS Biology*) provides strong evidence that social learning drives the spread of bumblebee behaviour – in this case, precisely how they forage for food. The researchers designed a two-option puzzle box that could be opened either by pushing a red tab clockwise or a blue tab counter-clockwise to reveal a 50% sucrose solution reward. 'Demonstrator' bees were trained to use either the red or blue tabs, with 'observer' bees watching. When it was the observers' turn to tackle the puzzle, they repeatedly chose to use the same method that they had seen, even after discovering the alternative option. This preference for the taught option was maintained by whole colonies, with a mean of 98.6% of box openings made using the taught method.

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Why is crypto trade within PMLA ambit?

How will the money trail in cryptocurrency transactions be tracked by intelligence units?

John Xavier

The story so far:
On March 7, to further tighten the loosely regulated crypto market, the Finance Ministry said that all virtual digital assets (VDAs) will come within the ambit of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 (PMLA).

What is the PMLA ?

The anti-money laundering legislation was passed by the National Democratic Alliance government in 2002, and came into force on July 1, 2005. The PMLA was showcased as India's commitment to the Vienna Convention on combating money laundering, drug trafficking, and countering the financing of terror (CFT). The law was aimed at curbing the process of converting illegally earned money into legal cash. The Act empowered the Enforcement Directorate (ED) to control money laundering, confiscate property, and punish offenders.

In July 2022, Union Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary told the Lok Sabha, in response to a query on cases registered by the ED, that "till March 31, 2022, the ED recorded around 5,422 cases, attached proceeds to the tune of ₹1,04,702 crore (approx.), filed Prosecution Complaint in 992 cases resulting in confiscation of ₹869.31 crore and convicted 23 accused persons under PMLA."

What does this move mean for crypto?

The gazette notification by the Ministry brings cryptocurrency transactions within the ambit of PMLA. This means that Indian crypto exchanges will have to report any suspicious activity related to buying or selling of cryptocurrency to the Financial Intelligence Unit - India (FIU-IND). This central agency is responsible for receiving, processing, analysing, and disseminating information related to suspicious financial transactions to law enforcement agencies and overseas FIUs. In its analysis, if the FIU-IND finds wrongdoing, it will alert the ED. Under Section 5 and 8(4) of the Act, the ED has discretionary powers to search and seize suspected property without any judicial permission.

According to a report by blockchain analytics firm Chainalysis, illegal use of cryptocurrencies hit a record $20.1 billion last year

Why is the government tightening the legislative grip on digital trade?

For a little more than a decade, cryptocurrencies, non-fungible tokens (NFT) and other digital assets enjoyed a regulation-free environment. But, in the past couple of years, as the use of digital assets has gone mainstream, regulators have turned hawkish. The value of all existing cryptocurrency is about $804 billion as of January 3, 2023, according to cryptocurrency price-tracking site CoinMarketCap.com. That is about twice the GDP of Singapore in 2021. In India, according to a survey conducted by crypto exchange KuCoin, over 10 crore Indians have invested in cryptocurrencies.

Separately, according to a report by blockchain analytics firm Chainalysis, illegal use of cryptocurrencies hit a record $20.1 billion last year. Transactions associated with sanctioned entities jumped over 1,00,000-fold, making up 44% of last year's illegal activity.

What tools can be used to track money laundering via crypto transactions?

Tracking money trail in cryptocurrency transactions may require new tools and approaches as such transfers differ fundamentally from traditional banking channels. FIUs may be familiar with Know Your Customer (KYC) or Customer Due Diligence (CDD) norms. But the technological nature of VDAs presents a new challenge in gathering information. This requires the intelligence unit to broaden its intelligence framework.

The Egmont Group that facilitates cooperation between FIUs to prevent money laundering recommends the analysis of crypto wallets, its associated addresses and blockchain records, and hardware identifiers like IMEI (International Mobile Equipment Identity), IMSI (International Mobile Subscriber Identity) or SEID (Secure Element Identifier) numbers, as well as MAC addresses.

What about regulation in other countries?

According to PwC's 'Global Crypto Regulations Report 2023', a large proportion of countries are at various stages of drafting regulations around crypto. Most countries have already brought digital assets under anti-money laundering laws. Singapore, Japan, Switzerland, and Malaysia have legislations on regulatory framework. The U.S., U.K., Australia, and Canada have initiated plans on regulating. So far, China, Qatar, and Saudi Arabia have issued a blanket ban on cryptocurrency. The EU is also preparing a cross-jurisdictional regulatory and supervisory framework for crypto-assets. The framework seeks to provide legal clarity, consumer and investor protection, and market integrity while promoting innovation in digital assets.

How is Bengal tackling fatal viral infection?

Why are infants dying in West Bengal government hospitals? What is the virus strain sweeping the State? Why are children under five with low or compromised immunity at higher risk? Is the State's health infrastructure stretched too thin?

Shiv Sahay Singh

The story so far:
On March 6, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee informed the West Bengal Legislative Assembly that 19 children below the age of five years have died in State-run institutions due to acute respiratory infection (ARI). Of the 19 children who succumbed, 13 had co-morbidities and six children had no health conditions other than the adenovirus infection, she added. Despite admission of infant deaths, the State claims that there is no evidence of a viral epidemic and the current situation is nothing but a seasonal surge. While officials put mortality figures at 19, unofficial estimates suggest the number of children who have died to be well over 100 between December 2022 and the first week of March, 2023. On Saturday, the West Bengal government set up an eight-member task force to 'supervise the works related with control of adenovirus and treatment of affected persons'. The State government's statement said that so far 10,999 acute respiratory infection cases in children have come to the fore.

What is the adenovirus infection?

The Centre for Disease Control and Prevention of the United States government states that adenoviruses are common viruses that typically cause mild cold or flu-like illness and are usually spread from an infected person to others by close personal contact. The virus is transmitted through the air by coughing and sneezing and also by touching an object or surface with adenoviruses on it. While the virus can affect people of any age group, children with low and compromised immunity are at a higher risk. The symptoms of the viral infection, other than common cold or flu-like symptoms, include acute bronchitis, pneumonia, pink eye (conjunctivitis) and acute gastroenteritis.

The West Bengal government stated many of the children who succumbed to the viral infection had low birth weight and congenital heart or lung diseases

Widespread: An ailing child stands outside the Dr B.C. Roy Post Graduate Institute of Paediatric Sciences in Kolkata on March 9. PTI

Shanta Dutta, Director of Kolkata's National Institute of Cholera and Enteric Diseases (NICED), a unit of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), said that a recombinant of two strains of adenovirus is causing a spike in viral infections in West Bengal. "It is a recombinant strain of human adenovirus type 3 (HAdV-3) and type 7 (HAdV-7) that is causing the majority of infections. In January, when the serotyping of adenovirus samples was done, the recombinant strain was found in 30% samples and it increased to 40% in February," Dr. Dutta said. While about 88 human adenovirus (HAdV) serotypes have been found, epidemiologic reports have suggested that nearly all fatal adenoviral diseases in children are associated with HAdV-7. The HAdV-3 strain is said to be more prevalent.

What is the strain prevalent in Bengal?

While the NICED is yet to come out with the outcome of the virulence study on the recombinant strain, doctors claim that it is the recombinant strain which is the reason for the spike in infections and deaths. Sayan Chakraborty, an infectious disease expert at AMRI Hospitals, Kolkata said a recombinant of human adenovirus type 3 (HAdV-3) which is more prevalent and type 7 (HAdV-7) which is more severe has led to morbidities. Dr. Chakraborty said most of the children who have been infected by the virus are less than three years old and were born during the COVID-19 pandemic. Since they were isolated at home, an 'immunity gap' has emerged for them and that they are more susceptible to viral infection. Tamal Laha, senior consultant and paediatrician at Apollo Hospitals, Kolkata said that children who are in the age group of six months to preschool are most susceptible to viral infection and suffer from something called 'immunity lag period'. He added that this is the reason why vaccines are administered to children in this period.

What about Bengal's health infrastructure?

With the spike in viral infections, children from different districts of Bengal were admitted to two paediatric institutions in Kolkata – Dr. B.C. Roy Postgraduate Institute of Paediatric Science and Calcutta Medical College and Hospital. These referrals were made by district level primary and tertiary care units and in some cases family members brought the children to these facilities directly without any referrals. An advisory issued by the State Health Department on February 28, directed that no paediatric ARI cases should be referred to Kolkata without the knowledge of the medical superintendents of the hospitals. Beds were augmented in these facilities but in February a shortage of beds resulted in two to three children being treated on a single bed. Medical practitioners and even the government point out that the referring of a large number of children without stabilising them or providing oxygen support may have resulted in the deaths of several children.

The government claims that there are more than 5,000 beds in 121 hospitals in the State having facilities for management of paediatric ARI, with 600 paediatricians in place. "There are 2476 SNCU (sick newborn care units) beds, 654 PICU (paediatric intensive care units) beds and 120 NICU (neonatal intensive care units) beds across the State," the State government pointed out. To deal with the situation, the government announced the setting up of five additional paediatric hubs.

Is there a link between co-morbidities and infant mortality?

Infant mortality in West Bengal stands at 22 per live thousand births and under-five year mortality rate is at 25.4. The figures are better than the national average (infant mortality in India is 35.2 and under-five mortality rate stands at 41.9) but when it comes to nutritional status of children, the State does not fare so well. Children in West Bengal under five years who are stunted (height-for-age) is 33.8% whereas children under five years who are underweight is 32.2%, as per the National Family Health Survey (NFHS)-5. The percentage of children stunted or underweight in West Bengal is almost similar to the national average. When it comes to children in the age group of 6-59 months who are anaemic, West Bengal stands at 69% compared to 67.1% across the country. While referring to co-morbidities, West Bengal government officials and the Chief Minister stressed that many of the children had low birth weight and congenital heart or lung diseases.

Maternal health is also a crucial factor and studies have shown that if a mother is underweight, her child has an increased risk of stunting, wasting and being born underweight. Child marriage is high in several districts of West Bengal; according to NFHS-5, 41.6% women (national average 23.3%) in the age group 20-24 years were married before turning 18 years. There is also a high prevalence of anaemia with 62.3% among pregnant women aged between 15-49 years, compared to 52.2% in the same age group in the rest of the country.

Public health reports suggest that poor maternal health as well as child marriages result in underweight babies and the absence of adequate health infrastructure in districts to treat severe ARI cases in turn creates a vicious circle.

What is the new U.K. policy on refugees?

Why have the UN refugee agency and the EU criticised the Illegal Migration Bill? Does it breach the norms of international law? What prompted the U.K. government to initiate such a move? What deal did Rwanda and the U.K. sign in 2022?

Narayan Lakshman

The story so far:
The Conservative government of the U.K. is proposing to adopt a new, stricter policy to deal with asylum seekers who arrive on the island via boat. The government has taken this step to fulfil a promise made in January 2023 by Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, to "stop the boats". It was among the five key policy priorities he outlined at the time. The proposed plan to deport to origin or remove asylum seekers arriving in the U.K. by boat to a third country has been sharply criticised by the UN refugee agency, UNHCR, and by leaders of the European Union. They have argued that the new U.K. policy is incompatible with international law, specifically the 1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees, and the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR). While the Illegal Migration Bill (IMB) is yet to be passed by the U.K. Parliament, once that happens it will have retrospective applicability from March 7, 2023.

What is the political context for the Bill?

Policies to regulate immigration, specifically of undocumented workers and asylum seekers, have always been a sensitive political issue in the U.K., as in other developed economies. With the rise of anti-immigrant sentiments fuelling some aspects of the Brexit campaign, which became a reality on January 31, 2020, the U.K. Conservative Party has been a strong advocate for tighter immigration policies. This is purportedly aimed at protecting U.K. jobs or shifting the focus to skilled workers arriving through legal routes. However, through the recent years of the pandemic and the economic distress it has caused across developing countries, as well as the displacement of certain communities in countries such as Afghanistan, Iran and Iraq, ever greater numbers of asylum seekers have been arriving on the shores of the U.K., prompting closer scrutiny of the policy response in this regard.

The figure for arrivals in small boats across the English Channel was 45,755 in 2022, the highest number since records began in 2018

Dangerous waters: British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak at a press conference following the launch of the policy on migrant channel crossings on March 7. AP

What measures does the Bill propose?

The Bill, when passed into law by the U.K. Parliament, will require that the Home Secretary detain and remove those arriving in the U.K. illegally, either to Rwanda or another "safe" third country; would deny migrants the right to bail or judicial review for the first 28 days of their immigration detention; would only allow migrants who are minors, medically unfit to fly or at risk of serious harm in the country of their removal to delay their departure from the U.K.; and to block such migrants from returning to the U.K. or seeking British citizenship going forward. The Bill would also seek to set a cap on the number of refugees who will be permitted to settle in the U.K. through "safe and legal routes" – which at the moment only apply to people from Afghanistan and Ukraine, or British National status holders in Hong Kong. A relatively miniscule number of refugees also can enter the U.K. through the U.K. Resettlement Scheme, the Community Sponsorship Scheme, the Refugee Family Reunion and the Mandate Resettlement Scheme.

What is the trend on refugee numbers?

The figure for arrivals in small boats across the English Channel was 45,755 in 2022, the highest number since records began in 2018. The so-called "small boat arrivals" comprised approximately 45% of the total asylum applications made in 2022, which was close to 89,000, a new high after the figure dropped to a 20-year low of 22,600 in 2010 from a previous record of 1,03,000 in 2002. Albania, Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq and Syria were the top countries from which asylum applications were received. Last year, the U.K. government returned asylum decisions for 29,150 applicants, granting some form of protection to 17,747 people, which is 61% of the total number.

What were the earlier measures adopted by the U.K. towards asylum seekers?

To crack down on undocumented migration and the influx of refugees, in December 2021 the U.K. Parliament passed the Nationality and Borders Bill, which empowered the government to remove asylum seekers to a "safe" third country for "offshore asylum processing" and it also set an early precedent to "push back boats at sea".

In April 2022, the U.K. and Rwanda signed a Memorandum of Understanding to relocate asylum seekers who are not being considered by the U.K. to Rwanda, a move that the UNHCR criticised over "shortcomings in its asylum process, citing the arbitrary denial of access to asylum procedures for some people, the risk of detention and deportation of undocumented asylum seekers, the discriminatory access to asylum procedures that LGBTIQ+ individuals face, or the lack of legal representation". While the UNHCR said that this arrangement "does not meet the requirements necessary to be considered a lawful and/or appropriate bilateral transfer arrangement", Human Rights Watch drew parallels to the documented suffering caused by Australia's offshore detention sites in Nauru and Papua New Guinea.

Is the bill consistent with human rights laws?

The U.K.'s Home Secretary, Suella Braverman, admitted in a letter to MPs, that there was a "more than 50% chance" that the new bill is incompatible with international law. This is most salient in the concept of non-refoulement, an idea encapsulated in the Refugee Convention as well as the ECHR, to which the U.K. is a signatory, that refugees should not be returned to a country where they face threats to life and liberty. In this context, it is expected that the bill will be challenged in the courts and might fail on the grounds of inconsistency with human rights laws. However, the U.K. High Court recently ruled that the Rwanda deportation plan did not violate any human rights conventions.

PROFILES

Xi's new right-hand

Li Qiang

The unexpected and rapid rise of China's new Premier, a close ally of Xi Jinping since the early 2000s, underlines the total and sweeping control that the President, who just began his third term, currently enjoys

Ananth Krishnan

The appointment of Li Qiang as China's next Premier, confirmed on Saturday by the National People's Congress (NPC) in Beijing, has left a long-time ally of current leader Xi Jinping holding the reins of the world's second-largest economy for the next decade.

The unexpected and rapid rise of Mr. Li, 63, has underlined the total and sweeping control that Mr. Xi currently enjoys. On Friday, Han Zheng, the former Vice Premier, was appointed Vice President, while two other Xi allies were appointed to head the NPC and the CPPCC (Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference).

At the height of his political power, even Mao Zedong had to contend with political rivals who occupied top posts in the ruling Communist Party of China (CPC). But Mr. Xi, who in 2018 did away with the two-term limit that restrained his predecessors, faces no such challenge having engineered, last October, a complete sweep of the Politburo and forcing into early retirement senior leaders like Li Keqiang, the former Premier.

The new Premier steps into a post that has been diminished over the past decade. In China's recent history, Premiers, from Zhu Rongji to Wen Jiabao, held great sway under the collective leadership model left behind by Deng Xiaoping, essentially left to run the economy.

Mr. Xi, however, disbanded the collective leadership model, and exercised complete control over economic policymaking through party leading groups, leaving the Premier, who heads the State Council and government ministries, with the task of merely executing policy. If Mr. Xi and Mr. Li Keqiang appeared cordial in public, there was no shortage of rumours of differences between the two on policy matters, from Mr. Xi's stringent three year "zero COVID" regime to the relentless tightening of controls over the private sector.

Mr. Li Qiang (pronounced chee-ang) rose up the party ranks in his native Zhejiang, the prosperous eastern coastal province known for its industry and entrepreneurship. He worked closely with Mr. Xi during the five years he was posted in Zhejiang, from 2002 until 2007. When Mr. Xi arrived in Zhejiang, Mr. Li was in charge of the city of Wenzhou. Two years later, he was promoted to the provincial party committee, which was headed at the time by Mr. Xi. Serving as its secretary-general, he worked as Mr. Xi's chief of staff for almost four years.

In 2017, as Mr. Xi began his second five-year term and promoted many of his key allies, Mr. Li joined the 25-member Politburo and was appointed the Party head of Shanghai, a key post that signalled he was in line for a top job at the next Party Congress in 2022.

Lockdown in Shanghai

That prospect was, however, left in doubt in March last year, when Shanghai's handling of a two-month lockdown that saw food and medicine shortages was widely criticised around the country. Reports at the time said Mr. Li had been in favour of a softer approach, but had been overruled by Beijing with Mr. Xi dispatching a senior Vice Premier in charge of COVID policy to oversee the lockdown.

That did not, however, appear to count against him when Mr. Xi, in the October congress, went ahead with appointing him as the party's second-ranked leader.

Mr. Xi, in early December, finally abandoned the "zero-COVID" regime, days after unprecedented protests broke out against lockdowns in several Chinese cities. Mr. Xi had, according to reports, originally intended to persist with zero-COVID until after the conclusion of the current NPC session, which ends on March 13, but reports have suggested Mr. Li was among those who persuaded him for an earlier withdrawal of the policy.

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"Since rising to No. 2 in the Communist Party hierarchy last fall, Mr. Li has played leading roles in freeing China from zero-COVID and refocusing the government on economic growth," *The Wall Street Journal* reported this week, citing unnamed sources. "Those moves have kindled cautious optimism among entrepreneurs, investors and political analysts that he may be able to exert a moderating influence on his boss," the report said. That is certainly the hope of the private sector, which has, during Mr. Xi's second-term, come under relentless pressure from Beijing's regulators. In Zhejiang, known in China for its thriving private sector, Mr. Li cultivated a business-friendly approach. But how much space he will be given to run the economy remains the all-important question.

With Mr. Xi now stacking all the top jobs with his men (there are no women in the current 24-member Politburo), the view of some Beijing insiders is that he might take less hands-on control over some matters while leaving his appointees to execute his agenda. At the NPC, Mr. Xi has indicated the immediate focus will be on the economy and accelerating self-reliance in key strategic sectors, another project that Mr. Li will be tasked with.

Open secret

As veteran Beijing-based political analyst Wu Qiang put it this week, Mr. Li's appointment "put an end to more than 40 years of China's two-headed governance system" where power was shared by the President and Premier –"often called the rivalry between southern and northern Zhongnanhai," referring to the sprawling government headquarters west of the Forbidden City in Beijing.

The tensions between the north and south, where sit the offices of the Premier and President respectively, in policymaking were an open secret during the past decade, with the State Council seeing an extraordinarily dilution of its power and influence.

"The co-governance situation between the party and the State Council has become harmonious for the first time, and it can also be said that the State Council's presence has become so weak for the first time," Mr. Wu told the Hong Kong-based *South China Morning Post*. "Li Qiang is more like a chief executive officer."

The next Premier, however, might, somewhat ironically, find greater space in policymaking, with expectations that Mr. Xi, 69, with a completely trusted aide now at the helm of the State Council, might relinquish some control, and play less of a role of, as he had come to be known after a decade in charge, the "chairman of everything".

THE GIST

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The doctor CM

Manik Saha

After a narrow but convincing victory, the Tripura BJP leader has to focus now on delivering on the many promises he made to voters

Syed Sajjad Ali

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Before rising to fame as Tripura's first maxillofacial surgeon, Manik Saha, for those in Agartala, was known as Makhan Lal Saha's son. The senior Saha was the first entrepreneur to build a deluxe movie theatre in the city in the 1970s. The family, which migrated from Bangladesh's Brahmanbaria district, had a wide range of businesses in Tripura and Kolkata.

Unlike his brothers, Dr. Saha did not venture into the family business. He attained a degree from a dental college in Patna and did his postgraduation in Lucknow. Dr. Saha's political journey began with the Congress. He is not essentially a Congress turncoat like many in the BJP's Tripura unit as he was not actively involved with the grand old party's programmes. His political ambition grew in 2016 when the top BJP leadership made it a mission to uproot the CPI(M)-led Left Front in Tripura. He was among the first Congress leaders and members to join the BJP (in 2016) to end the more than two decades of communist rule in Tripura. The BJP soon entrusted him with supervising the 'prishta pramukhs' – booth-level workers dealing with voters. He worked under the then State observer, Sunil Deodhar, and was close to former party president Biplab Kumar Deb, who became Chief Minister after the BJP seized a historic win in the 2018 Assembly elections.

When Mr. Deb was asked to step down as the State BJP president in 2020, he reportedly recommended Dr. Saha as his replacement. The party's central leadership agreed. His appointment seemed to make no difference in the way the party was run as Mr. Deb continued to call the shots. The former also avoided any confusion or confrontation. This paid dividends as the party nominated him for the lone Rajya Sabha seat from Tripura in 2022.

Power shift

On May 14 that year, the BJP suddenly asked Mr. Deb to step down and rushed some central observers to Agartala to facilitate the election of Dr. Saha as the legislature party leader. Dr. Saha took oath as the Chief Minister the very next day. Although the party compensated Mr. Deb with a slot in the Rajya Sabha, it has not yet explained why he was removed as the Chief Minister.

Dr. Saha, who never contested a general election and was not part of the government in any manner, had to deal with several issues initially as Mr. Deb's influence was visible everywhere in the administration. His calm demeanour helped him handle the situation and apparently improve the party's image in just nine months before the February elections. He implemented a bunch of schemes and programmes needed to face the voters in the polls.

These included increasing the dearness allowance for government employees to 20% and doubling the social stipend for BPL families to ₹2,000. His direction to the police to act tough also enhanced his image as a person with a different style of functioning. His instructions to eradicate drug-trafficking and financial corruption also seemed to work.

Ahead of the polls, the BJP announced him as a CM-probable as they found him as the best bet in a tight race, especially after the Left Front and the Congress came together. The announcement was believed to have dashed the hopes of Mr. Deb, who wanted to stage a comeback. Union Minister of State Pratima Bhoumik, who was also eyeing the chair of the Chief Minister and won from Dhanpur, a CPI(M) bastion, was equally disappointed.

Second innings

Dr. Saha, 70, began his second innings as Chief Minister after the BJP and ally Indigenous People's Front of Tripura won 33 seats – two more than the majority mark in the 60-member Assembly.

Now in power, all eyes are on how Mr. Saha would implement the more than a hundred election pledges the BJP made during the campaign. He is the Chief Minister of a State that faces acute unemployment problems, besides issues associated with complex demography and ethnic differences. Tripura also has a long International Boundary and border crimes are rampant. Moreover, Mr. Saha has the extra burden of striking a balance between the party and the government to keep the organisation strong at the grassroots level while governance challenges are met. A tall ask indeed.

AAP's Minister of everything

Manish Sisodia

The former Delhi Deputy Chief Minister, who is currently in jail, has been an integral part of the rise of Kejriwal's party

Nikhil M. Babu

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On February 26, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) arrested Manish Sisodia – Number 2 in both the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and the Delhi government – and he has remained in jail since then.

Mr. Sisodia, a three-time MLA and Deputy Chief Minister of the AAP governments formed in Delhi in 2015, and 2020, is a member of the Political Affairs Committee (PAC), the highest decision-making body of the AAP, and, most important, is a trusted deputy of party chief Arvind Kejriwal.

The party has strongly stood behind him since the arrest and taken the protest to the streets, television studios, and also the Supreme Court, seeking his release from what they claim is a politically motivated case by the BJP.

The son of a government school teacher, Mr. Sisodia was born in Hapur district of Uttar Pradesh on January 5, 1972. After obtaining a postgraduate diploma in journalism from Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, New Delhi, he worked as a radio jockey at FM radio stations. From 1996, he hosted many shows for All India Radio and worked for Zee News as news producer and news reader from 1997 to 2005.

While still working, Mr. Sisodia, along with Mr. Kejriwal, founded an NGO, 'Parivartan', which worked among the marginalised sections. In 2005, he quit journalism and the duo founded another organisation, 'Kabir', and Mr. Sisodia then worked for the passing of the Right to Information Act. But he came to the limelight as part of the India Against Corruption movement, led by social activist Anna Hazare, in 2011. Mr. Kejriwal was also a prominent figure in the movement.

The AAP was formed on November 26, 2012, against the wishes of Mr. Hazare, and Mr. Sisodia was a founding member. In 2013, the party came to power in Delhi for the first time, though short-lived – 49 days. Within two months of coming back to power in Delhi in 2015 with a huge majority – 67 out of 70 seats – the AAP witnessed an open, ugly spat with co-founders Yogendra Yadav, Prashant Bhushan and others being expelled.

Many predicted that the AAP, born out of a protest, would not last long as a political organisation, but they were proved wrong when the party not just sustained power in Delhi but also expanded beyond its borders. Mr. Sisodia stood by Mr. Kejriwal and his policies, never making a statement against him.

The Kejriwal model

Over the years, the AAP's electoral politics crystallised into a promise of the "Kejriwal model of governance", peppered with Hindutva and nationalism. The party asks for votes in the name of "Kejriwal's 10 guarantees" (manifesto) and Mr. Sisodia has always been overshadowed by Mr. Kejriwal – but he never complained or rebelled. For instance, when the party amended its constitution in 2021 to remove a term restriction, allowing Mr. Kejriwal to continue as the national convener, there was not a word of dissent.

On the other side, Mr. Sisodia emerged as the second most powerful man in the party. At the time of his arrest he held over 18 portfolios, including important departments such as education, health, finance and public works.

As Mr. Kejriwal fanned out to campaign for the party in other States on the promise of the "Kejriwal model", which is built heavily on the work done in the field of education in Delhi by Mr. Sisodia, his trusted lieutenant held the fort in Delhi.

But that equation is now under attack.

In May last year, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) arrested a senior AAP leader and Minister Satyendar Jain and he has since remained in jail. He continued to be a Minister without any portfolio for about nine months. But when the Supreme Court refused to accept a plea by Mr. Sisodia to quash his arrest on February 28, within an hour, the AAP announced that both Ministers had resigned from the Cabinet. Till recently, the party's view was that dropping a Minister would be acceptance of some wrong doing. But with Mr. Sisodia likely to remain behind bars for some time, the AAP wanted to send the message that the development work in Delhi is not affected.

Two other MLAs have been sworn in as Ministers and the AAP has been able to keep its flock together till now. But how much will Mr. Sisodia's absence affect the AAP and Mr. Kejriwal? The coming months will tell us.

INBRIEF

Tech Mahindra names Mohit Joshi as MD, CEO designate

The board of Tech Mahindra, a provider of digital transformation, consulting and business re-engineering services and solutions, on Saturday, said Mohit Joshi had been appointed as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer designate of the company. He will take over as the MD and CEO when C.P. Gurnani, the current CEO & MD, retires on December 19, 2023.

Govt. names LIC MD Mohanty as interim chairperson

Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) managing director Siddhartha Mohanty is set to be the interim chairperson of the insurance major from March 14.

He will be entrusted with financial and administrative powers and functions of chairperson, in addition to his own duties, with the incumbent chairperson M.R. Kumar completing his term on March 13, LIC informed the stock exchange citing a Union Finance Ministry communication.

Godrej Industries plans to raise ₹1,000 cr. via bonds

Godrej Industries plans to raise ₹1,000 crore through an issue of bonds on a private placement basis. "The management committee of the board of directors of the company has on March 10, 2023, inter alia, approved the placement memorandum/ information memorandum for issuance of up to one lakh rated, listed, unsecured, redeemable, NCDs having face value of ₹1 lakh only each, aggregating up to ₹1,000 crore on private placement basis," Godrej Industries said in a late-night filing on Friday. PTI

'India, Australia eye stronger ties in critical minerals field'

India has a scarcity of critical minerals used in making batteries for electric vehicles, says Goyal; Minister adds that Australia has huge reserves which they do not process and manufacture

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

India is in talks with Australia on critical minerals which can be used in batteries for electric vehicles (EVs), Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said on Saturday.

Mr. Goyal said India has a scarcity of critical minerals, which go into battery making and Australia has huge reserves which they do not process and manufacture.

At present, the minerals were being imported by different countries from Australia to develop their manufacturing base.

"Going forward, we would need those minerals for our EVs... We have discussed. It was also discussed at the Prime Ministers' level," Mr. Goyal told reporters.

Two to tango: Mr. Goyal briefs reporters after talks with his Australian counterpart Don Farrell on Saturday. ANI

India and Australia have reached a major milestone in working towards investment in critical mineral projects to develop supply chains between the two countries.

Union Minister for Coal and Mines Pralhad Joshi and Minister for Resources and Northern Australia Madeleine King held bilateral talks on Friday and announced that the partnership had identified five target projects (two lithium and three cobalt) to undertake detailed due diligence, the Mines Ministry said in a statement.

India, Australia agree for early conclusion of trade pact talks

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NEW DELHI

India and Australia on Saturday expressed commitment to conclude negotiations for expanding the scope of existing free trade agreement by the end of this year to push the bilateral trade to $100 billion.

On December 29, India and Australia implemented an economic cooperation and trade agreement and are now negotiating to expand its scope for a comprehensive economic cooperation agreement.

RBI should pause, think of decoupling from Fed: SBI's Ghosh

Press Trust of India
KOLKATA

The RBI should "pause and think" if it can continue mirroring the U.S. Federal Reserve "stroke by stroke" in terms of rate hikes or decouple from the American central bank, SBI group chief economic adviser Soumya Kanti Ghosh said.

Mr. Ghosh said he does not see an end to the rate hike cycle of the Fed in the short-term, which makes a case for the RBI to contemplate about decoupling.

"My point is can we match the Fed stroke by stroke? At some point of time we need to pause and think whether the impact of the earlier rate hikes [by the RBI] has percolated down into the system."

"I don't see any end to the Fed's cycle soon, it could be three or more rate hikes going ahead," Mr. Ghosh said. "If you look into the 2008 cycle, you will see that central banks raised rates in unison but when they cut rates, they did so based on country-specific factors," he said on the sidelines of an event.

Brakes India unveils brake pads specially made for EVs

Press Trust of India
CHENNAI

Manufacturers of braking equipment for automotive and non-automotive applications, Brakes India said it has unveiled ZAP brake pads with advanced friction technology for electric vehicles (EVs).

The ZAP brake pads with enhanced corrosion protection and quiet braking has been specifically designed and formulated to suit the requirements of customers of battery operated vehicles, the firm said.

SVB fallout: Indian SaaS firms, start-ups rush to assess impact

Yatti Soni
BENGALURU

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation's takeover of U.S.-based Silicon Valley Bank (SVB) has not only raised the spectre of wider financial contagion but also rattled start-ups and tech firms in India.

Multiple stakeholders told *businessline* that a majority of Indian SaaS firms and Y Combinator-backed start-ups had exposure to SVB and were expected to be hit by its failure.

Nitin Sharma, general partner & co-founder, Antler India, said that while there was no specific data on the number of SaaS companies impacted, a majority of SaaS firms from India had exposure to SVB.

"SVB was the default bank for any international start-up expanding operations to the U.S.," said Ankit Parasher, co-founder of YC-backed fintech start-up SALT. "It was a stable bank and most VCs recommended it, so the impact of SVB's failure is expected to go beyond just Indian SaaS companies and YC-backed start-ups," he added.

"Our phones have been ringing constantly far the past 48 hours with start-up founders reaching out to us about SVB's failure," said SALT co-founder Udita Pal. "We have been helping start-ups with FDIs and in getting bank accounts set up in the GIFT City and with traditional banks. Hopefully, FDIC is working fast on the recovery and relief to the depositors," Ms. Pal added.

"About 60% of YC-backed companies have more than $2,50,000 in SVB bank accounts," observed Rahul Mathur, founder and CEO of YC-backed Verak Insurance.

Eyeing early resolution

A resolution would likely come in a couple of days and the receivership period would not be too long, opined Antler India's Mr. Sharma. "While a majority of the Indian SaaS companies may have had some funds with SVB and some VC funds headquartered in Delaware may have capital call lines from SVB, I think the overall fallout [for Indian firms] will be limited. We know that some Indian SaaS founders transferred funds to other banks before Friday and some already had accounts with multiple banks," he added.

"The biggest lesson from the SVB situation is the perils of lack of diversification in operations," said Siddarth Pai, Founding Partner, CFO and ESG officer of 3one4 Capital.

(The writer is with The Hindu businessline)

Figures suggest textiles exports up again: Goyal

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NEW DELHI

The country's textiles exports have started showing signs of growth after getting impacted due to issues like problems of foreign exchange in many countries and large inventories due to Russia-Ukraine war, Union Minister Piyush Goyal said on Saturday.

Many countries are not accepting non-essential goods from outside their territory, he added.

On dip in cotton and yarn exports, he explained that the outbound shipments were "all-time high" last year due to inflation.

This year due to the international problems, prices are "quite suppressed" and because of that there was a dip in exports of cotton and yarn. "We hope to see that also reigniting from April 1," he added.

Ready-made garments of all textiles dipped by about 3.5% in January to $1.5 billion. However, during April-January this fiscal, it rose by 5.22% to $13.4 billion. Exports of cotton yarn, fabrics, made-ups and handloom products dipped by 28.7% to $9 billion during April-January this fiscal, Mr. Goyal said.

What caused Silicon Valley Bank's failure?

EXPLAINER

Reuters
NEW YORK

SVB Financial Group Inc.'s shutdown and takeover by banking regulators on Friday can be traced to the U.S. Federal Reserve raising interest rates and souring the risk appetite of investors. Here is the sequence of events that led to SVB's failure:

Fed raises rates

The Federal Reserve has been raising interest rates from their record-low levels since last year in its bid to fight inflation. Investors have less appetite for risk when the money available to them becomes expensive due to the higher rates. This weighed on technology start-ups – the primary clients of Silicon Valley Bank – because it made their investors more risk-averse.

Clients face cash crunch

As higher interest rates caused the market for initial public offerings to shut down for many start-ups and made private fundraising more costly, some Silicon Valley Bank clients started pulling money out to meet their liquidity needs. This culminated in Silicon Valley Bank looking for ways this week to meet its customers' withdrawals.

Sudden implosion: A loss-making bond sale followed by failed efforts to raise capital led to FDIC placing it in receivership. REUTERS

Sells bonds at a loss

To fund the redemptions, Silicon Valley Bank sold on Wednesday a $21 billion bond portfolio consisting mostly of U.S. Treasuries. The portfolio was yielding it an average 1.79%, far below the current 10-year Treasury yield of about 3.9%. This forced SVB to recognise a $1.8 billion loss, which it needed to fill through a capital raise.

SVB plans stock sale

SVB announced on Thursday tit would sell $2.25 billion in common equity and preferred convertible stock to fill its funding hole. The bank's shares ended trading on the day down 60%, as investors fretted that the deposit withdrawals may push it to raise even more capital.

Stock sales collapses

Some SVB clients pulled their money from the bank on the advice of venture capital firms such as Peter Thiel's Future Fund, Reuters reported. This spooked investors such as General Atlantic that SVB had lined up for the stock sale, and the capital raising effort collapsed late on Thursday.

Goes into receivership

SVB scrambled on Friday to find alternative funding, including through a sale of the company.

Later in the day, however, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) announced that the lender was shut down and placed under its receivership. FDIC added it would seek to sell SVB's assets and that future dividend payments may be made to uninsured depositors.

Sport

Ankita to take on top seed Brenda for the honours

ITF TENNIS

Sports Bureau
BENGALURU

India's Ankita Raina cruised past compatriot Rutuja Bhosale 6-1, 6-1 in the semifinals of the KPB Trust ITF Women's Open at the KSLTA Stadium here on Saturday.

Ankita will take on top seed Brenda Fruhvirtova in the final on Sunday. The 15-year-old Brenda outclassed Slovenia's fifth-seed Dalila Jakupovic 7-6 (2), 6-2 in the other semifinal.

Ankita, the fourth seed, was in full control of proceedings against Rutuja.

On facing teenage sensation Brenda in the summit clash, Ankita said, "I've seen her sister (Linda) play at the WTA Chennai Open. This will be my first time playing Brenda.

In cruise mode: Ankita was too good for Rutuja. K. MURALI KUMAR

"She is having a good tournament. I like the conditions here. I will have the support of the crowd."

Brenda was forced to dig deep in the first set, when Dalila took a 5-1 lead. Brenda's powerful backhand groundstrokes came to the fore in the second set, as Dalila's resistance faded away.

In the doubles final, the top-seeded pair of Jorge Francisca and Jorge Matilde of Portugal defeated the Greece-Great Britain duo of Valentini Grammatikopolou and Eden Silva 5-7, 6-0, 10-3.

Mitchell, Tickner give NZ the upper hand

Agence France-Presse
CHRISTCHURCH

A stubborn century by Daryl Mitchell, a blazing 72 from Matt Henry and three wickets to Blair Tickner swung the momentum New Zealand's way in the first Test against Sri Lanka here on Saturday.

Sri Lanka had claimed the initiative on the first two days, but was 83 for three in the second innings at stumps on day three, a lead of 65 runs.

New Zealand had recovered from 151 for five to be all out for 373, an 18-run lead, after a dogged 102 by Mitchell. Tickner finished with three for 28 off 10 overs.

The scores: Sri Lanka 355 & 83/3 in 38 overs vs. New Zealand 373 in 107.3 overs (Tom Latham 67, Daryl Mitchell 102, Matt Henry 72, Asitha Fernando 4/85).

Mitchell. AFP

Shamrock clinches the Octogonal Stakes

RACING

BENGALURU: S. Narredu-trained Shamrock (Suraj up) won the Octogonal Stakes, the feature event of the races held here on Saturday (March 11).

The winner is owned by Mr. M. Ravi, Mr. Daulat Chhabria, Mr. K. Kaliyaperumal & Mrs. R. Chellam.

THE RESULTS:

1. COUNT FLEET PLATE (DIV. II): WAR TRAIL (Srinath) 1, Elite Agent (Kiran Rai) 2, By The Book (Likith Appu) 3 and Sand Castles (Arshad) 4. Not run: Dawn Rising. 1-1/4, 3/4 and 1-1/2. 1m 27.57s. ₹17 (w), 12, 33 and 15 (p), SHP: 107, THP: 43, FP: 374, 1: 253, Trinella: 1,144, Exacta: 14,518. Favourite: War Trail.

Owner: Mr. C.V. Prasad Rao. Trainer: Sharat Kumar.

2. CLASSIC STORY TROPHY (DIV. II): AGERA (S. John) 1, Foi (Darshan) 2, Debonair (Tousif) 3 and Bellissimo (Koshi K) 4. 1/2, 4-3/4 and Nk. 1m 14.53s. ₹25 (w), 11, 12 and 42 (p), SHP: 26, THP: 101, FP: 47, Q: 21, Trinella: 607, Exacta: 2,769. Favourite: Foi.

Owner and trainer: Mr. K. Pradeep Annaiah.

3. FRANKEL STAKES: QUEEN REGNANT (Darshan) 1, Thunderstruck (Arvind K) 2, Katana (Srinath) 3 and Armory (Kiran Rai) 4. Nose, 3-3/4 and Lnk. 1m 39.62s. ₹123 (w), 22, 20 and 19 (p), SHP: 49, THP: 41, FP: 942, Q: 293, Trinella: 11,949, Exacta: 71,513. Favourite: Hope Island.

Owner and trainer: Mr. Aravind Ganapathy.

4. OCTOGONAL STAKES: SHAMROCK (Suraj) 1, Polished Girl (Vinod Shinde) 2, De Villiers (Trevor) 3 and Douglas (L.A. Rozario) 4. 2-1/2, 1 and 4-3/4. 1m 24.07s. ₹13 (w), 12, 24 and 11 (p), SHP: 75, THP: 35, FP: 60, Q: 61, Trinella: 218, Exacta: 437. Favourite: Shamrock.

Owners: Mr. M. Ravi, Mr. Daulat Chhabria, Mr. K. Kaliyaperumal & Mrs. R. Chellam. Trainer: S. Narredu.

5. CLASSIC STORY TROPHY (DIV. I): CASH OUT (R. Pradeep) 1, Rightly Noble (Rayan) 2, Star Admiral (Darshan) 3 and Stars Above (S. John) 4. Not run: Belvedere and Oxytocin. 3/4, Lnk and 3-1/2. 1m 13.80s. ₹229 (w), 38, 26 and 21 (p), SHP: 78, THP: 56, FP: 1,536, Q: 571, Trinella: 27,852, Exacta: 28,676. Favourite: Sociable.

Owner: Mr. Kumaraswamy M.S. Trainer: Pradeep Annaiah.

6. MAJ. C. NEWTON-DAVIS MEMORIAL TROPHY: AUSPICIOUS QUEEN (Kiran Rai) 1, Pharazon (L.A. Rozario) 2, Star Concept (Kiran Naidu) 3 and Amazing Attraction (Trevor) 4. 3-1/4, Lnk and 3/4. 1m 25.69s. ₹22 (w), 17 and 27 (p), SHP: 51, THP: 91, FP: 177, Q: 91, Trinella: 12,859, Exacta: 17,860. Favourite: Auspicious Queen.

Owner: Mr. S.N. Harish. Trainer: Narayana Gowda.

7. MOUNT JOY PLATE: SEE MY HEELS (Suraj) 1, Spectacular (Neeraj) 2, Clever Hans (Hindu S) 3 and Augusto (Trevor) 4. 1-1/4, 1 and 2. 1m 38.31s. ₹89 (w), 22, 20 and 11 (p), SHP: 56, THP: 51, FP: 828, Q: 294, Trinella: 2,794, Exacta: 6,498. Favourite: Clever Hans.

Owners: Mr. Daulat Chhabria & Mr. S. Narredu. Trainer: S. Narredu.

8. COUNT FLEET PLATE (DIV. I): BARONESS (Kiran Rai) 1, Benignity (Rayan) 2, Country's Jewel (S. John) 3 and Mega Success (Jagadeesh) 4. 1/2, 2-3/4 and Lnk. 1m 27.39s. ₹43 (w), 19, 18 and 17 (p), SHP: 55, THP: 39, FP: 1,029, Q: 424, Trinella: 5,087, Exacta: 15,305. Favourite: Altair.

Owner: Mr. S.N. Harish. Trainer: Narayana Gowda.

Jackpot: ₹88,319 (one tkts); Runner-up: 6,308 (six tkts).

Treble (i): 2,384 (four tkts); (ii): 2,194 (eight tkts).

DOUBLE DELIGHT

Rohit sixth Indian to score 17,000 international runs

Rohit Sharma became the sixth Indian to score 17,000 runs in international cricket. He joined the elite club of Sachin Tendulkar (34,357), Virat Kohli (25,047), Rahul Dravid (24,064), Sourav Ganguly (18,433) and M.S. Dhoni (17,092). Rohit also completed 2,000 runs in Tests in India (2002 runs, 24 Tests, 36 innings, 6 not outs, avg. 66.73).

MEMORABLE FEAT

Kohli fifth Indian batter to cross 4,000 runs in Tests at home

Virat Kohli, during his unbeaten 59 on day three of the final Test, became only the fifth Indian batter to cross 4,000 runs in Tests in India. Playing in his 50th Test at home, Kohli joined an elite club comprising Sachin Tendulkar (7,216, 94 Tests), Rahul Dravid (5,598, 70), Sunil Gavaskar (5,067, 65) and Virender Sehwag (4,656, 52).

NEED OF THE HOUR

It's about being patient for long periods of time, says Lyon

Nathan Lyon believes that Australia is very much in the game in the final Test against India, with the home team trailing by 191 runs. "I think it's pretty even to be honest. We know in this part of the world, games can speed up quite quickly, so it's about being patient for long periods of time and not chasing the game," he said.

THUMPING WIN

Coetzee, Harmer help South Africa complete clean sweep

South Africa's bowlers ripped through the West Indies batting as the hosts completed a 284-run win on the fourth day of the second Test in Johannesburg on Saturday.
The scores: South Africa 320 & 321 in 100.4 overs (Bavuma 172) beat West Indies 251 & 106 in 35.1 overs (Coetzee 3/37).

Gill shows the way, India makes a resounding reply

Walking on air: Gill cannot hide his delight on reaching a century. VIJAY SONEJI

The stylish opener's hundred and his three partnerships of substance take the hosts to 289 for three at close on the third day; Kohli finds his touch with an unbeaten half-century; Rohit and Pujara chip in with useful contributions

AUSTRALIA IN INDIA

Shayan Acharya
AHMEDABAD

Shubman Gill bowed to the crowd as he gloved a sweep off a Todd Murphy length ball down the leg to reach his second Test century (128, 235b, 12x4, 1x6) – first on home soil – on Saturday.

He took his helmet off, raised his bat and eventually India reached 289 for three on the third day of the fourth and final Test against Australia at the Narendra Modi Stadium.

Composed innings

Featuring in his 15th Test, the 23-year-old remained calm and and put on three 50-plus stands – with captain Rohit Sharma, Cheteshwar Pujara and Virat Kohli who scored his first half-century (59 n.o., 128b, 5x4) in 16 innings – to lead India's gritty reply to Australia's 480.

> There wasn't much help for the bowlers and they got some big runs. So, it was important for us to not lose many wickets and just bat the whole day

> On wickets like these, it is a little difficult to score runs fluently. But it's always important to keep trying to be positive
> SHUBMAN GILL

In his 353-minute stay at the crease, Gill cut and drove fluently, and after resuming the day at 36 for no loss, backed captain Rohit Sharma in forging a 74-run stand for the opening wicket.

Runs came up at a good clip as Mitchell Starc, in a bid to test the openers with short balls, ended up conceding boundaries and even got hit for a six over fine-leg by Rohit, who became the joint-third-highest six-hitter (69) for India in Tests.

Coming into the fixture, Rohit needed 21 to bring up 17,000 international runs, and on a surface that held true for the third day in a row, the India captain reached the milestone with a four off Starc.

But a well-set Rohit ended up slapping a Matthew Kuhnemann delivery to Marnus Labuschagne at short extra-cover for 35.

However, Gill stood firm and rebuilt with a 113-stand with Cheteshwar Pujara.

After picking up 65 runs in the first session, Gill had to slow down a bit against a disciplined Aussie bowling attack, and even survived a Nathan Lyon review for leg-before. But the moment an opportunity came his way, Gill hit Cameron Green for a couple of boundaries and raced into the nineties.

But he did not look nervous. Rather, Gill lofted Lyon down the ground and then brought a boundary off Murphy to reach the three-digit-mark. Shortly after his century and minutes before tea, the momentum was broken as Pujara was trapped leg-before by Murphy, and even a review did not go his way.

Making the most of the conditions, Gill regrouped with Kohli and hit a flurry of boundaries before being trapped leg-before by Lyon.

Kohli took the innings forward with a rock-solid knock, and stitched a 44-run stand with Ravindra Jadeja as India inched closer to the 300-run mark.

Shrugging off jitters, Kohli took things in his stride as the day progressed and frustrated the Aussie bowlers, making sure the side didn't fumble after Gill's fine knock.

In February, Gill hammered an unbeaten 126 against New Zealand in the third T20I, and a month later, the young gun continued his love affair with the venue with another gritty ton, albeit in a different format.

SCOREBOARD

AUSTRALIA — 1ST INNINGS
480 in 167.2 overs
INDIA — 1ST INNINGS
Rohit Sharma c Labuschagne b Kuhnemann 35 *(58b, 3x4, 1x6)*, Shubman Gill lbw b Lyon 128 *(235b, 12x4, 1x6)*, Cheteshwar Pujara lbw b Murphy 42 *(121b, 3x4)*, Virat Kohli (batting) 59 *(128b, 5x4)*, Ravindra Jadeja (batting) 16 *(54b, 1x6)*; Extras (b-4, lb-3, nb-2): 9; Total (for three wkts. in 99 overs): 289.
FALL OF WICKETS
1-74 (Rohit, 20.6 overs), 2-187 (Pujara, 61.6), 3-245 (Gill, 78.4).
AUSTRALIA BOWLING
Starc 17-2-74-0, Green 10-0-45-0, Lyon 37-4-75-1, Kuhnemann 13-0-43-1, Murphy 22-6-45-1.

Bournemouth upstages Liverpool

EURO LEAGUES

Agencies
BOURNEMOUTH

Liverpool's Mohamed Salah missed a second-half penalty as his side fell to a 1-0 defeat away at Bournemouth, with Philip Billing's goal lifting the south-coast side off the bottom of the Premier League table and out of the relegation zone.

The win in the first league game of the weekend sees the Cherries rise from last spot to 16th in the table on 24 points, while Liverpool languishes in fifth on 42 points.

Tottenham Hotspur blew away the gloom of a demoralising 10 days as Harry Kane's double helped it defeat Nottingham Forest 3-1 and cement fourth spot in the Premier League on Saturday.

The results:

Premier League: Bournemouth 1 (Billing 28) bt Liverpool 0; Everton 1 (McNeil 1) bt Brentford 0; Leeds 2 (Bamford 40, Harrison 78) drew with Brighton 2 (Mac Allister 33, Harrison 61-og); Leicester 1 (Daka 39) lost to Chelsea 3 (Chilwell 11, Havertz 45+6, Kovacic 78); Tottenham 3 (Kane 19, 35-pen, Son 62) bt Nottingham Forest 1 (Worrall 81).
LaLiga: Real Madrid 3 (Vinicius Jr 22, Militao 39, Asensio 90+3) bt Espanyol 1 (Joselu 8).
Bundesliga: Bayern Munich 5 (Cancelo 15, Pavard 19, 35, Sane 45, Davies 74) bt Augsburg 3 (Berisha 2, 60-pen, Cardona 90+3); RB Leipzig 3 (Werner 57, Forsberg 71-pen, Gvardiol 80) bt Borussia M'gladbach 0.
On Friday: Serie A: Spezia 2 (Maldini 55, Nzola 87-pen) bt Inter Milan 1 (Lukaku 83-pen).

After Kapp cuts the Giants down to size, Shafali takes over with stunning assault

WPL

P.K. Ajith Kumar
NAVI MUMBAI

Lightning struck twice for Gujarat Giants on Saturday night.

First there was a brilliant spell of seam bowling from Marizanne Kapp that broke its batting. And then Shafali Verma launched a stunning assault with the bat that left the Giants fielders, and the excellent crowd at the D.Y. Patil Stadium, dazed.

Shafali's blitzkrieg (76 not out, 28b, 10x4, 5x6) meant Delhi Capitals went past Giants' total of 105 with 10 wickets and 12.5 overs to spare.

All Shafali's captain Meg Lanning had to do was relax and enjoy a spectacular display of batting, which was a potent mix of sweetly timed shots all along the ground and some audacious aerial shots that travelled quite a distance.

Shafali had come to the WPL badly in need of big scores. With her second fifty of the tournament, she seems to be back at her very best.

Strange decision

Earlier, in picking their XI, Giants had done a UP Warriorz by leaving out Sophia Dunkley, the architect of their victory in the last match (versus Royal Challengers Bangalore).

On a fresh wicket, Kapp bowled her four overs unchanged to finish with five for 15. By the time her spell ended, the contest was virtually over. After struggling a bit with her bowling early on in the tournament, she found the right length and got the ball to move in menacingly.

With her second ball of the match, Kapp yorked S. Meghana. In her second over, she cleaned up Laura Wolvaardt and off the next ball, she trapped Ashleigh Gardner in front. Giants limped to 105 for nine – quite an improvement from 33 for six shortly after the PowerPlay.

That was largely thanks to a couple of knocks down the order from Georgia Wareham (22, 25b, 2x4) and Kim Garth (32 not out, 37b, 3x4). Giants, however, could not really recover from the early blows and if that wasn't enough, Shafali delivered the killer blow.

The Shafali storm: The Capitals opener smashed 10 fours and five sixes in her unbeaten 28-ball 76. SPORTZPICS/WPL

Kapp's day out: The South African seamer proved unplayable.

POINTS TABLE

	M	W	L	Pts	NRR
Mumbai Indians	3	3	0	6	4.228
Delhi Capitals	4	3	1	6	2.338
UP Warriorz	3	2	1	4	0.509
Gujarat Giants	4	1	3	2	-3.397
Royal Challengers	4	0	4	0	-2.648

AFTER THE DC-GG MATCH ON MARCH 11

SCOREBOARD

GUJARAT GIANTS
S. Meghana b Kapp 0 *(2b)*, Laura Wolvaardt b Kapp 1 *(2b)*, Harleen Deol lbw b Kapp 20 *(14b, 4x4)*, Ashleigh Gardner lbw b Kapp 0 *(1b)*, D. Hemalatha c Taniya b Shikha 5 *(5b, 1x4)*, Georgia Wareham b Radha 22 *(25b, 2x4)*, Sushma Verma b Kapp 2 *(10b)*, Kim Garth (not out) 32 *(37b, 3x4)*, Tanuja Kanwar c Jemimah b Shikha 13 *(19b, 1x4)*, Sneh Rana c & b Shikha 2 *(3b)*, Mansi Joshi (not out) 5 *(2b, 1x4)*; Extras (lb-2, w-1): 3; Total (for nine wkts. in 20 overs): 105.
FALL OF WICKETS
1-0 (Meghana, 0.2 overs), 2-9 (Wolvaardt, 2.2), 3-9 (Gardner, 2.3), 4-18 (Hemalatha, 3.3), 5-28 (Harleen, 4.4), 6-33 (Sushma, 6.5), 7-66 (Wareham, 12.2), 8-94 (Tanuja, 18.3), 9-96 (Sneh, 18.6).
CAPITALS BOWLING
Kapp 4-0-15-5, Radha 4-0-19-1, Shikha 4-0-26-3, Jonassen 4-0-19-0, Norris 1-0-6-0, Minnu 3-0-18-0.
DELHI CAPITALS
Meg Lanning (not out) 21 *(15b, 3x4)*, Shafali Verma (not out) 76 *(28b, 10x4, 5x6)*; Extras (b-1, lb-2, w-7): 10; Total (for no loss in 7.1 overs): 107.
GUJARAT GIANTS BOWLING
Garth 2-0-20-0, Tanuja 2-0-27-0, Gardner 1-0-22-0, Mansi 2-0-31-0, Wareham 0.1-0-4-0.
Toss: Giants; **PoM:** Kapp.
Capitals won by 10 wickets with 12.5 overs to spare.
Sunday's match: UP Warriorz vs. Mumbai Indians, 7.30 p.m.

Hellwig seals it in Germany's favour against Australia

FIH PRO LEAGUE

Uthra Ganesan
ROURKELA

Australia and Germany fought a largely midfield battle wedged between action at the two ends of the field before the World champion came off a 1-0 winner in the FIH Pro League on Saturday, the lone goal of the match coming off the faintest of margins and requiring a review before being awarded.

For the statisticians, there were enough columns to keep busy barring the one that matters the most – the goals scored. There were short passes and long, grounded shots and aerial, entries into either circle and enough shots at goal. But it was also a testament to the defending from both Australia and Germany.

That and some incredible goalkeeping from Jean-Paul Danneberg, the youngster who was slotted as the shootout specialist during the World Cup but getting an entire game here and coming away with his reputation further enhanced. In fact, Australia could have scored at least half-a-dozen times if not for the 20-year old obstacle in the goal.

The game started like the team's World Cup semifinal – tentative and cautious. Germany did what they do, getting into position and building up patiently, starting all the way at the back with Tom Grambusch and Gonzalo Peillat all the way up to the forward line.

Hellwig converted the decisive penalty-corner.
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The Aussies didn't come out all guns blazing but preferred to test waters, resulting in both sides getting a couple of half-chances early on before Malte Hellwig converted Germany's second penalty-corner, flicking the ball to the top-edge of the corner of the left sideboard-backboard and awarded by the video umpire on referral.

Then, it was all possession and passing, Germany using short passes to break the Australian marking while the Kookaburras tried to do the same but, later switched to mixing it with aerials and long hits and slaps.

The result: Germany 1 (Malte Hellwig) bt Australia 0.

INBRIEF

Thompson upstages Tsitsipas for one of his biggest wins

Unseeded Australian Jordan Thompson grabbed one of the biggest wins of his career on Friday, ousting third-ranked Stefanos Tsitsipas 7-6 (0), 4-6, 7-6(5) to reach the third round of the Indian Wells WTA and ATP Masters.

Important results (second round): Men: Daniil Medvedev bt Brandon Nakashima 6-4, 6-3; Emil Ruusuvuori bt Roberto Bautista 7-6(5), 6-2; Alexander Zverev bt Pedro Cachin 6-3, 6-1; Karen Khachanov bt Oscar Otte 6-3, 6-3; Casper Ruud bt Diego Schwartzman 6-2, 6-3; Andrey Rublev bt Jiri Lehecka 6-4, 6-2; Ugo Humbert bt Denis Shapovalov 7-5, 6-4; Taro Daniel bt Matteo Berrettini 7-6(5), 0-6, 6-3; Cameron Norrie bt Wu Tung-lin 6-2, 6-4; Jordan Thompson bt Stefanos Tsitsipas 7-6(0), 4-6, 7-6(5).
Women: Maria Sakkari bt Shelby Rogers 2-6, 6-4, 6-0; Karolína Plíšková bt Anna Kalinskaya 2-6, 6-0, 6-4; Veronika Kudermetova bt Anna Blinkova 6-3, 6-4; Petra Kvitova bt Elizabeth Mandlik 6-1, 7-5; Jelena Ostapenko bt Aliaksandra Sasnovich 7-5, 3-6, 6-2; Jessica Pegula bt Camila Giorgi 3-6, 6-1, 6-2; Coco Gauff bt Cristina Bucsa 6-2, 6-4; Jil Teichmann bt Belinda Bencic 3-6, 6-3, 6-3; Wang Xinyu bt Ekaterina Alexandrova 6-2, 6-3; Aryna Sabalenka bt Evgeniya Rodina 6-2, 6-0.

LIVE TELECAST

NBA: MTV, Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 7 a.m.
India vs Australia: 4th Test, day 4, Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 9.30 a.m.
Bangladesh vs England: 2nd T20I, FanCode, 2.30 p.m.
I-League: Eurosport (SD & HD), 4.30 & 7 p.m.
Serie A: Jio Cinema App, 5, 7.30, 10.30 p.m. & Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 1.15 a.m. (Monday)
LaLiga: Jio Cinema App, 6.30, 8.45, 11 p.m. & Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 1.30 a.m. (Monday)
FIH Pro League: India vs Australia, Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7 p.m.
WPL: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 7.30 p.m.
ISL: Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m.
Premier League: SS Select 1, 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 & 10 p.m.
Bundesliga: Sony Sports Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 8, 10 p.m. & 12 a.m. (Monday)
New Zealand vs Sri Lanka: 1st Test, day 5, Prime Video, 3.30 a.m. (Monday)

BFC primed to press home first-leg advantage against MCFC

Simon Grayson's side is high on confidence, having notched up its 10th successive win at the Mumbai Football Arena on Tuesday

Raring to go: Suresh Wangjam, one of BFC's standout players in the first leg, will look to continue his fine form. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

ISL-9

N. Sudarshan
BENGALURU

A first Indian Super League final in four seasons beckons as Bengaluru FC – leading 1-0 from the first leg – takes on Mumbai City FC in the semifinal second leg at the Sree Kanteerava Stadium here on Sunday.

Simon Grayson's side is high on confidence, having notched up its 10th successive win at the Mumbai Football Arena on Tuesday. It has a defined way of playing – hit on the counter and exploit the space behind the opponent's defence – a settled first XI and a trump card in Sunil Chhetri, who has come off the bench to produce match-winning efforts in the last two matches.

That BFC has beaten MCFC – the best team in the League by a distance and one that has scored 54 goals – in two of the three encounters in this campaign will not be lost on anyone.

Still, even as it has one foot in the summit clash, dragging the other along will not be easy. A smarting MCFC is nobody's dream combatant and BFC will also be playing its third game in 10 days.

"I had said we wanted to be in the tie going into the second leg, which is what we've managed to do. But we haven't achieved anything yet," Grayson said, on the eve of the match. "Mumbai is a top team, so I expect a difficult game."

MCFC coach Des Buckingham would want his forwardline to be more clinical. For all the dominance in the first leg, the attacking trio of Jorge Pereyra Diaz, Lallianzuala Chhangte and Greg Stewart couldn't find the back of the net.

"It was a one-off game, and my team will give a reaction," Buckingham said. "The good thing is, apart from the set-piece, we had control of the game and created chances. I expect a very similar game, and the plan does not really change."

Heena runs away with U-18 girls' 400m gold

Sports Bureau

West Bengal's Rezoana Mallick Heena clocked 53.44s to clinch the under-18 girls' 400m gold at the National Youth Athletics Championships at the M.G. District Stadium, Udipi, on Saturday.

The results (under-18, winners only): Boys: 100m: Mohd. Reyan Basha (Odi) 10.96s; **400m:** Navpreet Singh (Del) 47.58s; **1500m:** Priyanshu (Utk) 3:54.20s; **110m hurdles:** Sandip Vinod Gond (Mah) 13.86s; **Long jump:** Mohd. Atta Sazid (Har) 6.92m; **Pole vault:** Aman Singh (UP) 4.30m; **Shot put:** Manjeetkumar (Mah) 17.25m.
Girls: 100m: Nancy (Har) 12.05s; **400m:** Rezoana Mallick Heena (WB) 53.44s; **1500m:** Akhila Avuta (Tel) 4:45.31s; **High jump:** Pooja (Har) 1.76m; **Triple jump:** Paveena Rajesh (TN) 11.93s; **Discus:** Riddhi (Har) 43.37m.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Bowring Institute's tennis summer camp from April 1

The Bowring Institute will conduct a tennis summer camp for beginners, intermediate and advanced players.

The camp will be held in two batches of four weeks each commencing on April 1.

Participants will receive professional instruction from certified tennis coaches.

An Advanced Coaching Programme will also provide all-round training.

Veteran coach Mukesh Chetan will lead the camp. To enrol, call Indira (9844041260) or mail indirainsure@gmail.com.

Azeem stars with a ton as Yankees downs Kapali

Mohammed Azeem (108 n.o.) powered Yankees CC past Kapali CC in the KSCA Group I, V Division league here.

The scores:

Kapali CC 251 in 49.5 overs (Rupak 103, Albin Mathew 61, P. Ajay 31, Yaseer Nihal 4/42) lost to Yankees CC 253/4 in 45.2 overs (S. Nirmal 36, C.M. Gautam 48, Mohammed Azeem 108 n.o.).

Sri Jayachamarajendra CC 232 in 49.1 overs (R. Anirudh 107, Chirag Jain 3/45) lost to Unique CC 235/7 in 44.2 overs (M.S. Chetan 69, Veeramuthu Darshan 81, Ashwin Viswanth 25).

Sapphire CC 366/7 in 50 overs (K.P. Bipin 63, M. Ravikumar 90, Shameek Kolambkar 30, Dominic Fernandes 92 n.o., Pavan Kumar 43 n.o.) bt Johnson CC 212 in 35.1 overs (P. Shashank 50, Nikhil Gowda 45, Nanda Kumar 26, K.P. Bipin 5/36).

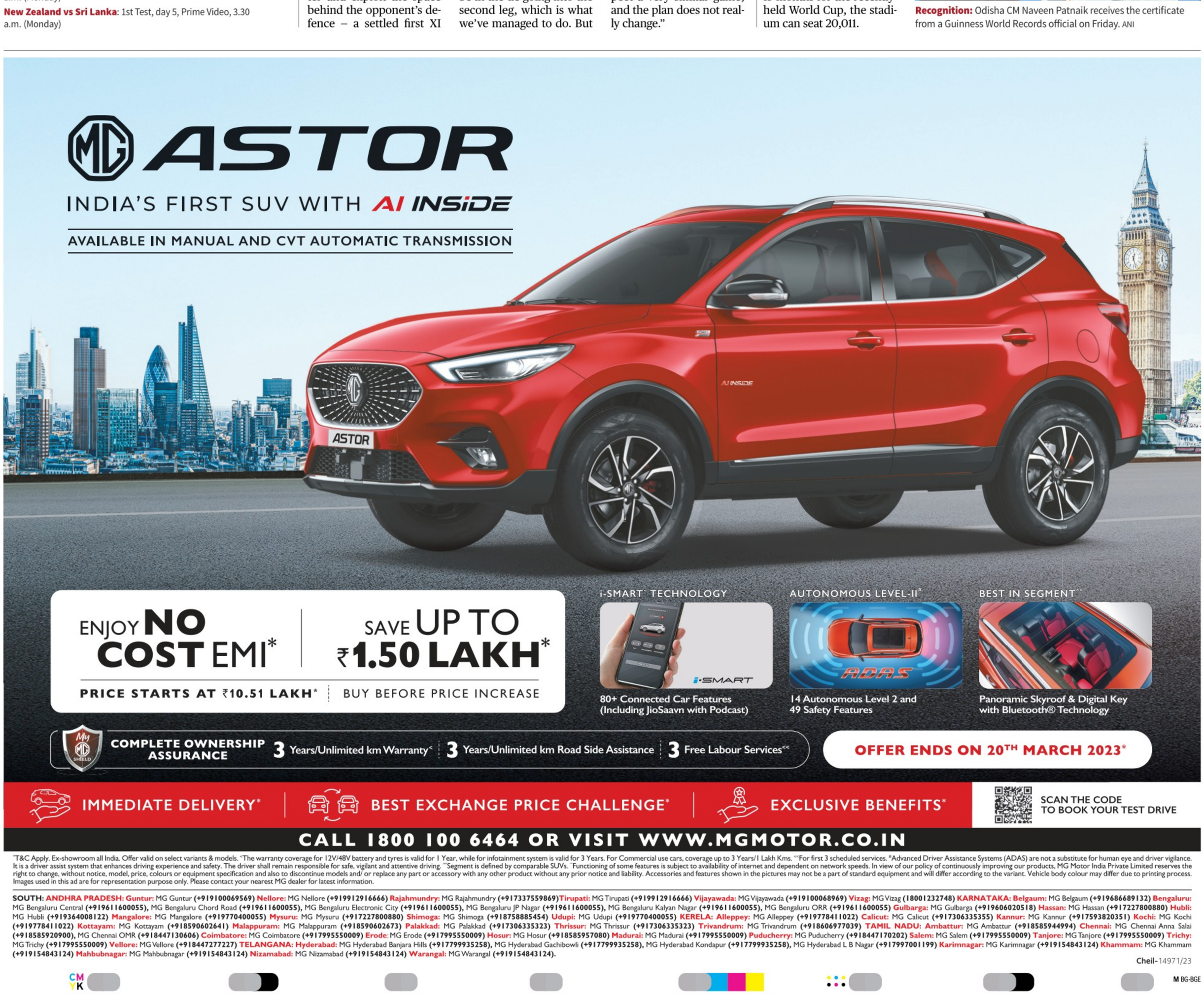
Canarese CC 312/5 in 50 overs (B. Mayur 101, Abhinav Jha 38, Karthik 38, M. Shivanayaka 29, Adithya Ramesh 54 n.o.) bt Zodiac CC 300 in 48.0 overs (Abhishek 103, B. Girish 88).

Birsa Munda in Guinness Book as world's largest hockey stadium

Sports Bureau
ROURKELA

The Birsa Munda International Hockey Stadium here has been officially recognised as the largest fully-seated hockey stadium in the world.

Guinness World Records officials handed over a certificate to this effect to the Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik here on Friday.

Built from scratch in just 15 months for the recently-held World Cup, the stadium can seat 20,011.

Recognition: Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik receives the certificate from a Guinness World Records official on Friday. ANI